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Tri-Town: A Year in Review

By Jean Perry

One of the highlights of each year for me is standing before the bookshelf in my study and beholding the completed collection of the entire year's issues of *The Wanderer* – 51 to be exact, with one online-only edition, which this year happens to be the one you are now reading. It's a moment of reckoning of my life's work over the past year, the accumulation of all that I have produced meant to inform, expose, enlighten, and ultimately pay the bills.

It's more than that, though. This stack before me literally represents a year that I … that *we* … have lived. I feel sentimental about it when I look through them for the most notable news to highlight – the main issues that each community experienced and the people endured in this little corner of the void we call Tri-Town.

Having said that, I bring you your Tri-Town: A Year in Review…

Rochester is changing. And much like in 2016, 2017 in Rochester was mostly about the conversion of open spaces into fenced-in solar farms.

Rochester is now home to multiple large-scale solar energy facilities, with the last one slated for Rounseville Road at the corner of Mendell Road already permitted and ready for construction in 2018.

This latest project, like other solar projects that came before, was vehemently opposed by abutters. Abutters of the solar farm established on Route 105 sought to amend the Town's solar bylaw to prohibit future large-scale solar projects from designated scenic byways, like Route 105.

Under the jurisdiction of the Planning Board, the article was vetted during a public hearing in September during which Planning Board Chairman Arnie Johnson said that perhaps residents behind the citizens' petition should consider an all-out ban of solar farms on designated scenic byways unless the topographical features of the land naturally screen the project from view.

That notion had the initial support of Town Counsel Blair Bailey, who agreed the Attorney General's Office might consider the article acceptable; however, the night of the October 23 Special Town Meeting, Johnson said Bailey had reconsidered and could no longer recommend moving forward with the bylaw amendment as Johnson had suggested before. Also, that night the resident representing the article was not present when it was called; therefore, no change in the bylaw resulted.

As for Rounseville Road, Borrego Solar Systems will be developing 13 of the 81 acres of the land that corners Mendell Road, now that the Site Plan Review process with the Planning Board has closed and the Special Permit issued.

There could be further solar farms in Rochester in 2018, particularly (and speculatively) on Marion Road (Route 105), now that Craig Canning, developer of a proposed farmer's market/agricultural operation, has withdrawn his applications with the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board, despite having received prior approval from both boards.

Many of Canning's abutters supported the agriculturally-based project, except for Kenneth and Maryann Cutler of 223 Marion Road, who sued Canning and the Town Of Rochester to stop the project.

Back in July, Canning submitted a request to withdraw his application for the project, but scores of supportive abutters and townspeople came out to support Canning, who said he was overwhelmed by the public's support, and Canning subsequently changed his mind.

Still, Canning faced the Cutlers' mounting opposition.

"I do not want it across the street," said Mrs. Cutler on August 23. "I don't want a commercial building in that field."

For months the public hearings continued, and

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Canning received his Special Permit in November. Yet on December 13, Canning sent a letter to the ZBA and the Planning Board to again withdraw his applications.

"Unfortunately, projected litigation costs make the project economically unfeasible at this time given the two lawsuits filed…" wrote Canning.

Canning had commented before that, if this farmer's market project were not to come to fruition, he would have to explore alternative means to maximize the property's financial outcome, including solar.

Wellspring Farm, the experiential and therapeutic horseback riding mental health facility at 42 Hiller Road, took the entire year to achieve Planning Board approval. However, it still faces opposition from abutter Cathy Mendoza who says owners Holly and James Vogel are still in violation of Planning Board conditions and, now, also State noise level regulations.

The ZBA on December 21 deferred to the Planning Board before it continued the matter until its next meeting on December 28, when again the appeal was continued until January 4.

Also in 2017, Rochester received and planted a special sapling from an ancient ginkgo biloba tree from Hiroshima that survived the hydrogen bombing of WWII. The sapling was donated to the town by former Town Administrator Michael McCue and dedicated on August 6. The tree's new home is at the rear of the ball field on Dexter Lane.

Not to leave him out, but 2017 was to be the final full year of service for Rochester Police Chief Paul Magee who announced in September that he would retire on September 24, 2018. Magee served the Town of Rochester for 14 years as chief, for a total of 30 years as an officer.

And finally, the firing of Rochester bus driver Ralph Stinson caused a calamity amongst parents who vowed to the Rochester School Committee that their fight to support Stinson was not over.

In Marion, there were plenty of significant news stories to read about.

First, the best news of the year was likely the completion of the renovations to the old VFW building on Mill Road and the opening of the Town's very own

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Benjamin D. Cushing Senior/Community Center. The center held an open house on August 12, unveiling the newest town-owned facility to the public and announcing that the center was officially open for business.

Speaking of the VFW building, which added a new facet to the Town House renovation debate, could it possibly house a new town administration building complex in the coming future?

The Marion Town House Building Committee stood by its years of work and maintained that its $7.9 million Option 3A – to renovate the Town House but exclude a previously proposed 996 square-foot addition – was the best option for the town.

Former Selectman Stephen Cushing on February 7 commented rather pessimistically that most of us present that evening would be dead before we ever saw the results of the years of Town House renovation discussions, but the board went ahead with a 'why not' vote to allow a VFW site option exploration, which led to the formation of a building subcommittee proposed by former Planning Board member Rob Lane and Finance

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The results of the feasibility study, which received approval for $35,000 by voters at the October Special Town Meeting, will be reported in 2018.

And after years of efforts, voters approved the town's new Master Plan, a project three years in the making.

And the Board of Health, although no actual steps have been taken to move the town closer to a new regulation, reignited its debate on banning flavored tobacco and nicotine products, including menthol cigarettes.

The Board of Health attracted the attention of "Big Cig," the tobacco industry, who cautioned the Town that any move toward banning menthol cigarettes would result in lawsuits – a threat that was countered by the Public Health Advocacy Institute of Northeastern University who pledged free legal support for the Town should the Town be sued.

The matter also attracted attention across the state, with many arguing against the motion, whether it be for personal rights of adults, protection for local retailers who rely on cigarette sales for business, or for minority rights – especially since the majority of menthol cigarette smokers are of the black community.

The board held its final meeting of 2017 on December 12 without making any further decisions.

Before 2017 ended, town officials began voicing their support of a re-zoning effort for the Briggs property located off Spring Street. Although Town Meeting voters have numerous times struck down an article to rezone the lots from Industrial/General Business into residential E, the town this time is hoping to assist Briggs in this business venture while adding a few affordable housing units – something Briggs adamantly opposes. The year 2018 will either see re-zoning approval with a residential condo complex sans affordable housing, or perhaps another 40B, which Briggs has threatened the town with if it did not help Briggs avoid including affordable housing units that he says would make his investment financially unfeasible.

Marion dodged a wastewater-related bullet when the Environmental Protection Agency allowed the Town to explore alternative measures in its NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems) permit to try to reduce nitrogen pollution, celebrating for only a short while before the Buzzards Bay Coalition issued its intent to sue the Town of Marion for violating the Clean Water Act. We'll see in 2018 if this floats or not…

And of course, Police Chief Lincoln Miller has retired effective December 31, and Lieutenant John Garcia has taken his place as the town's new police chief.

Over in Mattapoisett, the home of the reigning 2017 Miss Massachusetts Jillian Zucco, the meetings with the highest turnout of residents would be the "Swamp Subdivision" and the Brandt Island subdivision that Planning Board Chairman Tom Tucker once said was so bad it looked like Afghanistan.

The Brandt Point Village subdivision saga has been ongoing for years as the subdivision has changed developers a number of times, and it appears as if the saga will continue well into the New Year.

As for the aforementioned Swamp Subdivision at

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the end of Snowfield Road, some abutters have requested that Conservation Commission Chairman Mike King recuse himself from discussion and voting, calling it a conflict of interest – an allegation King denied.

Abutters also accused King of not honoring his pledge to uphold the Wetlands Protection Act by him showing some support for the project.

King commented that it was his job to understand both sides of the application process, and that he supported property owners' rights to develop their properties. He refused to recuse.

Also notable in Mattapoisett's 2017 was the planning for Phase 1B of the Bike Path reaching 100 percent, and construction of the bike path will begin later in the New Year.

Phase 1B was started back in 2009.

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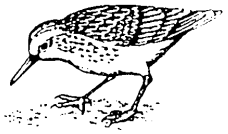

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And looking ahead for Mattapoisett, 2018 will see the Town enter into a Community Compact Agreement with the Charlie Baker Administration, which will enable the town to receive grant money earmarked specifically for Community Compact municipalities. Mattapoisett will join Rochester and Marion as Community Compact towns.

Overall, remember that partial solar eclipse we witnessed back on August 21? Just wait until April 8, 2024 at 3:29 pm when the moon eclipses the sun again, this time at 92.6 percent!

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There is surely much to come in 2018 – including recreational marijuana sales. How far will you have to go to legally buy your weed? Since Rochester already has a moratorium in place until the state releases its own guidelines, and with Mattapoisett poised to take similar action possibly during an upcoming Special Town Meeting, could it be Marion?

Stay up to date with *The Wanderer* in 2018 to find out.…

Happy New Year, Tri-Town!

Freezing For a Reason Indeed

By Marilou Newell

The sun was hanging in the sky over Mattapoisett on New Year's Day 2018 as a hail and hearty group of polar plungers and their supporters gathered at the Mattapoisett Town Beach for the annual charity event Freezin' For A Reason.

In spite of record-cold temperatures, ocean water recorded at 40 degrees Fahrenheit, and a dusting of snow on the beach sand, the plungers were joyful. Where other organizations had called off similar events in the local area, event coordinators the Huggins family decided it was all systems go.

And what a party it was in the hour leading up to testing good intentions against actual grit when the start gun would blast at high noon.

Reggae music boomed across the frozen

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landscape. Small children layered in winter gear attempted to make sandcastles, as other kids used the tideline ice sheet as a sledding hill minus the sleds.

The Wolf Moon tide cycle had left behind yards of frozen mud flats, causing some of the participants to wonder if it made more sense to leave their gear closer to the water's edge than up on the drier sandy beach. Such were the considerations being bantered about outside the heated event tent.

Inside the tent, hot drinks and chowder warmed all, but as the moments ticked down, resolve to "just do this" was the heated sentiment.

There were the first-timers, those who had chosen this day to help fill the charity's war chest against the unseen costs associated with a diagnosis of cancer, and there were those who made participation in the event part of their holiday cheer.

Eric Gebo, 24, of Fairhaven, Jeffrey Lopez, 20, Mattapoisett, Arlene Marini, 'ageless', Mattapoisett, Jasmine Burns, 15, of Westport were all first-time plungers. Each expressed their desire to test their mettle against the weather and to raise awareness for the cause.

Lopez, with his one-man support crew of Dad, aka Michael Lopez, may have had another reason. As his father explained, "Jeff has been fixated on doing this since last year when we came down to watch it."

The younger Lopez and his family understand that challenges come in all varieties as he and his family has been touched by autism. "Jeff is proud of his autism and he is an outspoken advocate for others," his dad said.

Burns, flanked by friends Erica Cecil and 15-year-old son Elijah Neal, both of Rochester, wore a bit of a worried expression, but more on this young lady later.

Bryan Calusine of Westport, Dennis McIntyre of Mattapoisett, Chris Gray of Mattapoisett, Dave Rickson of Mattapoisett, Trevor Oliveria of Fairhaven, and Brian Claudio from Freetown were all ready to go as returning plungers.

Calusine, whose parents Bill and Marsha live in Mattapoisett, said this was his fourth year and beamed that he was glad to do it for a good cause. McIntyre said, "We love this town and this cause…. We've lost family to

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cancer."

Claudio said, "My son was diagnosed with a brain tumor," as he prepared for the fourth year in a row to jump into the ice cold water confirming his intention to help those in need.

And then it was time to purge one's demons of doubt and dive – well, walk quickly – into the sea.

That low cyclical tide made even getting wet difficult as the would-be swimmers slogged out into the harbor trying to find water deep enough to actually plunge into. Hooting and hollering from supporters on the shoreline mixed with ramped up music created a merry cacophony easily heard in Falmouth.

Most plungers scurried in and out as fast as possible. But others wanted to really prove they were made of stronger stuff, diving headfirst into deeper water, splashing one another and generally having a blast until they couldn't take the pain any longer.

Poised on the beach were EMTs from Mattapoisett's police and fire departments just in case anyone had a problem. They were unaware of the added challenge – a $100 gift certificate would be awarded to the person who could stay in the water the longest.

As just about everyone headed back to shore and into the waiting warmth of dry towels and that heated tent, two swimmers remained in thigh-high water.

It was a standoff. Who could manage to stay in the longest? One female and one male stood several yards apart, arms folded, staring at the shoreline as the moments went by. Who would be the first to give in? It seemed an eternity but was more like five minutes as the DJ announced that those brave souls would both receive the prize calling the standoff a tie. But the swimmers couldn't hear the DJ as he called for them to "come in," the test was over.

The female eventually started for the shore – it was first-time participant Jasmine Burns. The male who also won was nowhere to be found for a comment afterwards.

Burns hustled into the tent where she attempted to warm up, saying that really the only part of her body that hurt was her toes.

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McIntyre had said the same thing as he recovered. "It feels like my toes have been smashed with cinder blocks!"

But everyone said they would do it again next year and everyone was still smiling.

Michelle Huggins said that clearly the extreme cold temperatures had kept some people away, but overall the event was a success and the monies raised will go directly to families whose reality is now one of trying to survive something much more difficult then freezing ocean waters in January.

Robert Burns and "Auld Lang Syne"

By George B. Emmons

The melody and lyrics of this New Year anthem of remembrance or fraternity sung when the clock strikes midnight was first transcribed by Robert Burns in 1788.

Burns set the tune to the traditional folklore of another poet, making him co-author of this emblem of a musical year ending soon to be known all over the English-speaking world.

In Scotland, it became associated with the traditional dance called Hogmanay when everyone joins hands around in a circle like a square dance. At the beginning of the last verse, everyone crosses arms across their chest as the right hand reaches out to grasp their neighbor's hand in friendship as in my illustration, which also shows Burns taking a champagne cup of kindness.

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The song soon became a tradition of New Year's Eve as well as other reminiscing events. They included farewells, funerals, and other memorials, while also symbolizing new beginnings such as graduations, scouting jamborees, election of new governments, hymns, weddings, parades, and anthems, and best-known incorporated in "America the Beautiful."

Over the years, it transcended into many foreign languages when its pentatonic scale was matched to scales used in Japan, Korea, India, China, and other Eastern Asian cultures. However, it perhaps reached international recognition when in 1929 it was greatly aggrandized by Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadian Orchestra. For half a century, Lombardo charmed the entertainment world with his accompaniment of New Year celebrations until his death in 1977.

The song became popular in high New York society for gathering in Times Square for the ritualistic dropping of the ball at the stroke of midnight by people like William Randolph Hearst and Henry Ford. Other industrialist Americans could personally relate to Burns as one of them, because he was a truly self-made man.

For instance, in Scotland he was known as the ploughman's poet, deeply inspired and connected with rural laborers by traveling through the countryside, collecting and mending verse and music melded into his interpretative prose – one of his most famous is the iconic tale of Tam o' Shanter.

He said that he learned "Auld Lang Syne" from talking with an old man in his country travels, perhaps making it a cultural inspiration of historical Scotland.

Consequently, may I suggest that at the stroke of midnight during the playing of the song, we all might lift a cup of kindness or a glass of champagne as a toast to his immortal inspiration.

At this fleeting moment, time may seem to stand still enough to bring back the memory of auld acquaintance in our lives, and for us to deeply reminisce during the meaningful passage of one year into another.

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The Gift Of Giving Year-round

By Marilou Newell

On December 29 as many people hunkered down grateful for a warm home, plentiful plates of food and enjoying the lull between Christmas and New Year's Day, others were working hard to provide basic shelter and a hot cup of coffee to the growing number of homeless and disenfranchised people in the greater New Bedford area.

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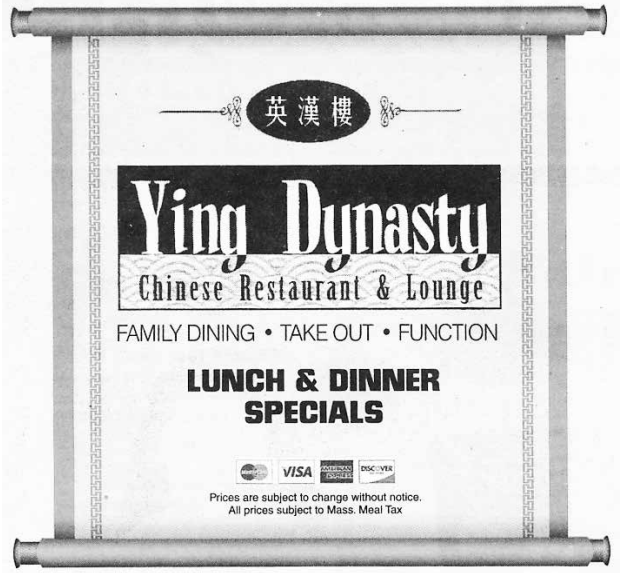

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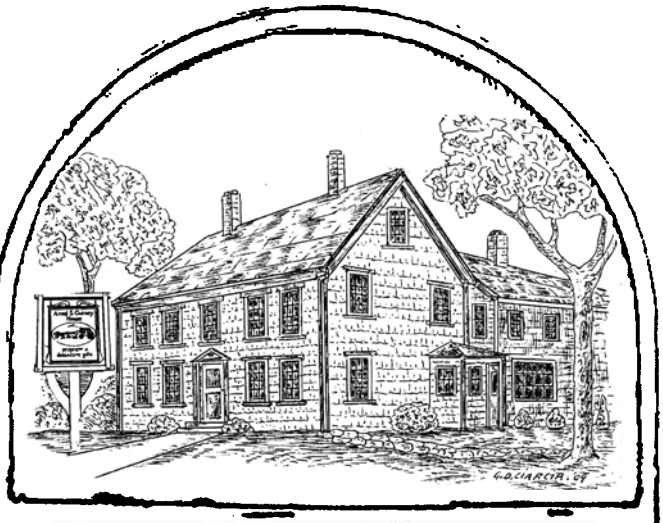

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Miss Massachusetts and Mattapoisett native Jillian Zucco has dedicated her young life to prompting volunteerism. The December event titled "Make A Difference Expo" was her brainchild to bring together nonprofit and/or volunteer organizations and give them a platform to not only share the work they are doing, but to also possibly add volunteers to their ranks.

When asked how the expo was going Zucco replied, "Really well." As the girl trio B.L.C. sang what Zucco dubbed "uplifting" tunes adding an air of conviviality to the event, Zucco's dark eyes sparkled. "It's been crazy busy," she said of the holiday season, her professional work as a cardiac care nurse, responsibilities and personal appearance commitments as Miss Massachusetts, and as a prime-mover in the Showstoppers entertainment organization. The group had completed some 30 shows during the season and would be performing later in the afternoon.

But Zucco's enthusiastic drive to help others – to bring together help where a need may exist – was the impetus for the Expo.

Outside in the parking lot, the constant hum from the motors supplying electric service to the Boston Children's Hospital mobile blood van was a reassuring sound that the precious gift of blood can't be taken for granted. Blood and blood products are in constant demand at all hospitals. Zucco said that by 2:30 pm, only an hour and a half into the Expo, 30 donors had come forward.

Inside the hall positioned around the room, one could find any number of ways to help.

From Mattapoisett were representatives from the Mattapoisett Land Trust, Mattapoisett Historical Society Museum, and Mattapoisett Women's Club.

From New Bedford were volunteers from Sister Rose House that has been an institution for over 30 years serving as a homeless shelter as well as providing clothing and meals.

When asked what the organization needed, volunteer Becky Brosnan replied, "Socks, T-shirts, gloves, toiletries, food." She explained that the organization functioned as an "over-flow" shelter to approximately 35 people, especially important given the record-setting cold temperatures. "When the temperatures are freezing or above, some won't come inside even if a bed is available," Brosnan said. But the last week had seen all available beds in the city of New Bedford "taken." She said that Sister Rose House serves as a shelter to approximately 600 people each year.

Another organization that works directly with those whose personal needs are greatest and an organization that Zucco has been working with for years was also at the Expo: Gifts To Give. Described as "…a philanthropy factory powered by children and

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Also represented at the Expo were: Hospice Services of Massachusetts whose volunteers provide end-of-life care and comfort; Mission 22 that brings veterans together with a variety of services; Medical Reserve Corps that is a program sponsored by the Office of the Surgeon General in partnership with the USA Freedom Corps and Department of Homeland Security; and last, but not least, Southcoast Young Marines that promotes mental, moral and physical development with an eye towards character building, leadership, and a drug-free lifestyle.

If you were unable to attend Zucco's Make A Difference Expo but are interested in any of the groups or organizations named above, each has a website where more information may be obtained.

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New Year, New Police Chief

By Jean Perry

Just in time for the New Year, the Town of Marion's tenth police chief was sworn in on December 28.

Thirty-one-year veteran of the Marion Police Department, Lieutenant John B. Garcia, replaces Chief Lincoln Miller effective December 31.

Becoming police chief, Garcia said after the swearing-in ceremony, "is the pinnacle of any law enforcement officer's career."

Garcia thanked his family, saying, "As any relative of a police officer knows … you're missing birthdays, holidays, special occasions, getting calls to get up in the middle of the night, and to have the support of your family is everything."

He also thanked the Board of Selectmen for choosing him and for choosing to hire within the department. Singling out Chairman Jody Dickerson, Garcia told the many assembled – including the police chiefs from neighboring police departments including Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, and New Bedford – that Dickerson was the first officer he rode with back in 1986 when he first joined the department.

Dickerson also led the organization of Garcia's swearing-in ceremony that night. The two are also

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'Revolutionary War' buddies in the Fairhaven Village Militia encampment group, in which Garcia is the faithful tinsmith.

"How fortunate I am to be working with the people that I do work with," said Garcia. "We really do have a great group of people. It's an honor to serve with you and it certainly makes my job better."

Garcia said he chose the career of a police officer because he knew he wanted to serve his community, "And I knew I wanted to do something that would change the world."

His first position was a part-time special officer appointed to the old Lincoln Park in Dartmouth on the Dartmouth Police Department.

Departing Chief Miller had these words of wisdom for Garcia:

"Always give one hundred percent to the job, but never take your work home with you. Be sure to pursue your outside interests," said Miller, because having a life outside the job is the secret to loving your job.

Hot? Pot?? Selectman Slot???

Marion Board of Selectmen

By Marilou Newell

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A major agenda item for the Board of Selectmen was next steps in not only providing staff and visitors to the building with a comfortable temperature in which to conduct business, but also in keeping pipes and other vital systems in the structure from damage due to extremely low internal temperatures.

Facilities Manager Sean Cormier discussed with the selectmen stopgap measures that could be used to provide the building with heat while a new boiler is purchased and installed.

Cost estimates for a new boiler were $74,000 but as town administrator Paul Dawson pointed out, there would be other associated expenses that would bring the sum closer to $100,000. Cormier said that a temporary heating solution could run anywhere from $1,000 to $4,000 per week.

Dawson said that he would contact the state to let them know about the emergency and the need to bypass regulated purchasing protocols given the emergency at hand.

The selectmen approved Dawson's request. They also agreed to move forward on adding a line item to transfer funds for the new heating system to a newly announced special town meeting in February.

Regarding that special town meeting, it was brought up during discussions regarding a moratorium on pot sales in Marion.

The subject of requesting a moratorium on the soon-to-be-legislated "adult use marijuana" state laws prompted appearances by Planning Board Chairman Eileen Marum, Karen Walega of the Board of Health, and attorney Cheryl Sbarra, director of law and policy for the Massachusetts Association of Health Boards.

Marum said that given the short window between when the state's regulations would become law in March and the first applications for opening retail establishments in April would be accepted, there simply wasn't time to write bylaws. She asked the selectmen to set a special town meeting date with a warrant article that would ask voters to request a temporary moratorium from the state,

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thus giving the town's various boards sufficient time to write bylaws.

Marum said that since Marion's voters had approved the use of recreational marijuana, the town now had to go through a two-pronged process if they wanted to ban it completely. The first step in that process would be a warrant article asking voters to put the question on a ballot in an upcoming election cycle. Tonight, she asked for support on a moratorium giving the town time to weigh its options.

Sbarra came forward and said that Attorney General Maura Healey had been quickly granting requests from cities and towns granting moratoriums until the end of December 2018. "You can prohibit the sale of marijuana in town, but it is a more tedious process," Sbarra said. She also said that those municipalities that had voted against the legal use of marijuana did not have to go through such lengths to ban it totally from their communities.

Regarding bylaws, Sbarra said that as long as local bylaws were reasonable and didn't conflict with state regulations, passage would be easier.

The selectmen were in agreement that a moratorium should be sought and accepted a draft warrant article that Marum presented.

Dawson suggested the selectmen set the date of February 15 for a special town meeting. That special session would now have two warrant articles – monies to cover Facility Department expenses associated with a new boiler for the Town House and whether or not to seek a moratorium on pot sales in Marion.

In other business, Dawson said that during the next selectmen's meeting candidates for the vacant council on aging directorship would be interviewed. Dawson also said that he had not been able to find a temporary replacement to fill the position of Department of Public Works Superintendent. The selectmen agreed that the position should be advertised.

On the theme of vacancies, Jody Dickerson announced that he would not be seeking another term as selectman in the May elections.

"I've given a quarter of my life to the town," Dickerson said.

Dickerson thanked all the department heads he has worked with over the years with a special nod to Administrative Assistant Deb Paiva for helping him. Of Dawson Dickerson said, "Paul has the most thankless job in any community … he has been the most professional administrator I've worked with." Dickerson also thanked the townspeople for their support but added with tongue in cheek that his fifteen years had been longer than some sentences handed down for crimes.

The next meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen is scheduled for **February 6** at 7:00 pm in the town house conference room.

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Wellspring Woes Continue

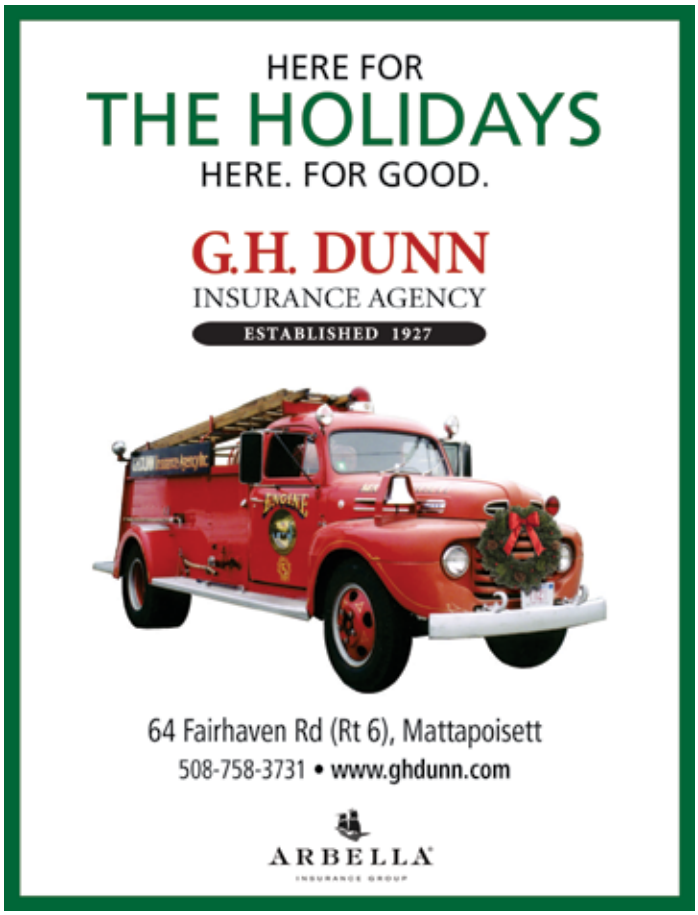
Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Jean Perry

Woes continue to continue on Hiller Road next to Wellspring Farms, with another continuance continuing the continuation of continuing problems.

Cathy Mendoza, abutter to the therapeutic experiential farm mental health facility at 42 Hiller Road, returned to the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals on December 28, prompting the board to re-open the public comment portion of the public hearing in order for her to offer further information.

Mendoza said there must have been some confusion during the last meeting.



"I don't think it's as simple as just deciding on whether the Planning Board did their job," said Mendoza. Mendoza has appealed the Planning Board's Site Plan Review approval to the ZBA. "This permit is still under your jurisdiction. You awarded this commercial permit." She added, after some research, that the ZBA does have the authority to revisit this issue and make any revisions to bring the Wellspring operation into compliance.

Into compliance with what, ZBA member Kirby Gilmore asked her.

With state noise regulations, Mendoza said, which Wellspring is currently violating on a daily basis, she alleged, "which my scientific study showed."

Mendoza, during the meeting on December 21, said she had downloaded an app on her phone to measure the noise emitted from Wellspring Farm that is disruptive.

In some research on past Case Law, Mendoza said the Town could mandate that Wellspring owners James and Holly Vogel double the 20-foot buffer between the operation and the property line, and even triple it.

Mendoza recalled that the Planning Board found a 40-foot buffer excessive, especially since major shifts of buildings and driveways at Wellspring would be needed in order to widen a buffer.

"I think we're going to have to continue this again," said Cutler.

Neither Planning Board Chairman Arnie Johnson nor Town Counsel Blair Bailey were able to make the meeting that night.

Mendoza continued, "You do understand that you do have the right … to look at the Site Plan … and you do have the right to step back and impose further conditions."

"Assuming that that is correct," said Cutler, "we will take a look at that and discuss that with town counsel."

Mendoza was not reassured.

"I'm just concerned because Blair [Bailey] and I have had a lot of conversations about a lot of things, and when it comes to certain points of law, I have actually proven him wrong maybe three times, so…"

Attorney for the Vogels, George Boerger,

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maintained that the Vogels were in fact operating under the state's maximum noise level. He spoke with the noise experts, he said. "They couldn't believe that somebody would allege that because a car's idling or somebody's talking to each other that that's a violation of the noise regulations."

Mendoza had a chance to appeal the ZBA's prior decision within the 20-day appeal period, Boerger said, maintaining that Wellspring was in fact compliant and that Mendoza was trying to subvert the appeal process.

Planning Board member Gary Florindo said the Planning Board had never visited Wellspring or Mendoza's property during business hours, so he was unsure whether noise was substantial coming from Wellspring.

Florindo suggested the ZBA meet again on January 4 and allow Johnson and Bailey the chance to attend, "So we can go over the whole thing again."

"I would much rather see a larger amount of people from the Planning Board [present] … to give Cathy a fair shot at it."

James Vogel later added that Mendoza's account of what is happening at Wellspring is "not true."

"I am telling you that what you hear is totally inaccurate," he said, renewing his invitation to visit the site during business hours.

"And the noise, if there is any noise, that we make is much less than an air horn that gets used five days a

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week to scare kids with autism that we have to listen to," said Vogel, turning the tables on Mendoza. "And there's been other experiences there as well, so for a clear picture please come and see us."

Mendoza wanted to rebut against the accusation that someone was sounding an air horn from her property, but Cutler would not allow it.

"No more rebuttals because it's just going to go back and forth," said Cutler.

The board again closed the hearing to public comment and continued the matter until January 4.

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals is scheduled for **January 4** at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall.

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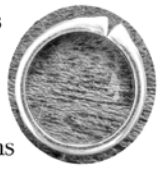

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Turtle Garden Violation Deemed Unintentional

Marion Conservation Commission

By Jean Perry

Debra Ewing of Jenney Street, on behalf of residents at The Cove who have been overseeing the turtle habitat protection project on Town-owned land, came before the Marion Conservation Commission on December 27 to address a violation of mowing beyond the boundaries allowed in the Order of Conditions.

The matter was continued from December 13 so the commission could get some answers before turning its attention to The Cove's request for an extension of its permit to maintain the landscaping of the turtle nesting habitat restoration project near Hammetts Cove off Jenney Lane.

The problem was that mowing had been performed that far exceeded the boundaries set by the commission back in 2015. Before issuing a three-year extension, which the commission still held off on for now, the commission members needed some information, particularly about the benefits of mowing the coastal property when it came to not just the diamondback terrapins, but also the eastern box turtles.

First, Ewing said the work that was done by the new landscaping company the residents hired was completely contrary to the instructions she gave them. She said she gave explicit directions to the landscaper, but the worker who did the actual work while Ewing was not at home ignored the posted boundaries.

"They were way out to the water and I told them immediately to stop, but I was not aware that it was going to be happening that day," said Ewing. "It was not supposed to happen."

Ewing said she finds the boundary posts to be obvious, but commission member Shaun Walsh added, "The posts are very obvious, but to the uninitiated it's not very clear what they're demarcating, so they look almost a little bit random."

Walsh later suggested that The Cove residents purchase small circular signs announcing the presence of wetlands and number the posts accordingly with the

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numbers expressed on the plan and accompanying Order of Conditions.

And in the future, Walsh added, a copy of the Order of Conditions should be physically handed to the landscaper before any future work is completed.

"It's vitally important that whoever does that activity in the future has a copy of this order," said Walsh.

As for the eastern box turtles, although they enjoy the mowed areas for passage, the wetter regions closer to the shoreline are not where the box turtle prefers to nest.

"Our question…" Chairman Cynthia Callow asked, "…is the mowing of that area vital to the habitat of the box turtle? Is that a place where they go? Is that a place where they play?

Commission member Jeffrey Doubrava said that he recalled from prior hearings in 2015 that the mowing had something to do with box turtles, and Walsh, who had reviewed meeting minutes, concurred.

The commission determined that Don "Turtle Man" Lewis, the one who spearheaded the project and has since moved to Florida, did state that the mowing would benefit the eastern box turtle in some way. However, Ewing said she was unaware of how the mowing would benefit them.

"That was the only controversial part of the project – the mowing," Doubrava recalled, saying that Lewis had initially requested a 30,000 square-foot sandy area to be cleared, but the commission only granted a 2,000 square-foot area.

"Mowing was definitely limited," Callow said. "There was a big discussion about that."

Landis Major, president of The Cove Homeowner's Association, said he has seen box turtles in the mowed area. "Not a great number, but I have seen them."

But they do not nest there, unlike the terrapins, which benefit from the mowing because they need the sandy area to lay their eggs.

Some Cove residents actually question whether expanding the sandy nesting habitat would ensure even more success of the project in the future.

Before the rescue project was established, it was determined that there were roughly 50 diamondback terrapins in Hammetts Cove, almost driven to extinction because none of the hatchlings survived.

Doubrava reminded Ewing that the maintenance permit was good until April 2018. In the meantime, the residents should get confirmation from a biologist that continued mowing is still essential to the project and also find a viable solution for improving the boundary post markers so that future landscapers would not repeat the mistake of over-mowing the area.

"The mowing part," said Major, "I don't see as a problem, now that we've experienced one disaster that was not our choosing. We can either put out more [small-sized] posts or we could rope it."

As long as the enhanced markings are consistent

with the Order of Conditions, said Walsh.

"Without any kind of information, even a small little circle sign … it's just a bunch of random posts," Walsh said.

The residents of The Cove do not need to return before the commission, but they will need to submit the information the commission requested before the permit expires in April.

Also during the meeting, a Request for Certificate of Compliance for Warren and Lee Williamson of 121 Converse Road was issued. The commission reviewed the history of the Order of Conditions and prior Enforcement Order and found no further issues or concerns at the present time.

The Request for Certificate of Compliance for Theresa Fitzpatrick for 14 Doran Way was issued contingent upon (and issued upon) the new property owners furnishing the commission with proof that a permanent split-rail fence or line of boulders has been installed. The house was slated for closing on January 10, and Fitzpatrick claimed she was unaware that a permanent wetlands marker was required.

The public hearing for the Town of Marion's Notice of Intent for the construction of the County Road water main and meter vault installation to extend a 12-inch water main to provide an emergency water supply to Wareham in case of fire or other emergency (at the expense of the Town of Wareham pending a Town

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Meeting vote) was continued until January 10 in order to allow for time to properly notify one last abutter who was otherwise unreachable before the hearing.

In other matters, the commission will hold off before issuing a Restoration Completion request for 99 Perry Lane until it can review work completed at the sight in the spring.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is **January 10** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Town House.

The Earlier, the Better!

ORR Update

By Jo Caynon

Ringing in the New Year doesn't mean it's a new start yet for many of the seniors at Old Rochester Regional. In fact, for many, celebrating will have to wait until the end of March when all applicants are guaranteed to have heard back from the colleges and universities to which they applied.

For those who are unfamiliar with newer college application procedures, there are three main types of applications for students who are applying to college.

The first of these is early action, where students apply by November to hear back by mid-December and have an earlier picture of their options for the upcoming fall.

Students can also apply for early decision, which is a binding application (if a student is accepted, they have to attend).

Last, but not least, there's good old 'regular decision,' where students have until around early to mid-January to submit applications to schools and hear back from them by the end of March. All of these choices allow students to accept an offer by May 1, which is known as National College Acceptance Day.

Students at Old Rochester have participated in all three of these options. There are more than a few who were accepted via early decision to their top choices as well.

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Chicago," said senior Evan Tilley. "I was accepted into Columbia University's School of Engineering in early decision, so that's where I'll be going. I'm super excited about it!"

"I applied to St. Lawrence University in upstate New York through early decision," said senior Ayana Hartley. "They were my top school and I was accepted, so I'm really happy about that."

Some students have heard back early from several schools, although they are still waiting to receive all of their regular decisions.

"I applied early action to UMass Amherst and got in," said senior Alice Bednarczyk. "I also applied to Emerson, Virginia Tech, Smith, Amherst College, Syracuse University, and RPI, so I'm waiting to hear back from all of them before I make my final decision."

After having spent much of their time in the past four to five months on college applications, many of the students had advice they were eager to share with those who follow in their footsteps next year.

"Start your college apps early, early, early," Hartley commented. "I had mine done by the second week of school and was stress-free for the most part afterwards. It pays to do ahead of time instead of procrastinating."

"The hardest part of the application was definitely the essays. It was hard to write multiple unique essays and each one took a lot of time," Tilley said. "Start

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early on your applications; mine took a lot longer than I expected. I was pretty stressed out waiting for the decisions back from colleges."

Of course, essays aren't the only part of the tedious application process. Veterans of the process suggested that applicants make a resume on their own before starting any applications so that they can have a better idea of the different extracurricular activities available to write about in specific activity sections and open responses.

For students with artistic talent or applying to some specific majors, certain schools suggest that they submit a portfolio to showcase several pieces of their work.

"If you have to upload a portfolio, be careful because every school has their own requirements and expectations, and sometimes can require more writing with the portfolio," cautioned Bednarczyk.

There is also the ever-dreaded SAT and ACT tests that many feel can make up a significant part of competitive school applications. Although more and more colleges now include test-optional choices, many of the students suggested taking the SAT or ACT at least once before a student's senior year so that they could use it as a trial run and get used to the test.

All in all, the majority of the students essentially agreed upon one thing that would've helped them in their own application process:

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"Start early!" senior Hannah Powers said. "I started during the summer and spread it out and it worked great! But even then I was still cutting it close."

And finally, "Do your apps *way* before the deadline," Bednarczyk agreed. "Also, look at applying early action to as many schools as possible, because it's seriously worth it in the long run."

Valles Already an Easy Fit at Gordon

High School Sports Update

By Nick Friar

His high school coach at Old Rochester, Steve Carvalho, might still miss **Matt Valles** this year – even with the team starting off the season with a 5-0 record through December – but the 6-foot-6 forward has moved on to the college game and is already 10 games deep, starting every game to this point in Division III Gordon College's young season.

Combining with Garrisson Duvivier of Brockton, the two make up the Fighting Scots' frontcourt, with Valles playing the four on defense and holding down the post on offense.

"We compliment each other well on the court," Valles said. "He's my height, but he's stronger, more of a center-type. I usually guard the four on defense because I can move quicker than him. I just give more length and mobility."

Valles' athleticism continues to make him a force in the post, much like he was in high school. But Gordon has worked on his shot from long range with hopes of him stretching the floor, especially when his 6-foot-11 teammate and classmate Parker Omslaer is in the game.

So far, Valles is averaging 6.3 points per game and 3.2 boards a night, playing 17.7 minutes a game on average. The stat-line looks a bit different from what the Mattapoisett native was posting in high school, but those are solid numbers for a freshman to start their college career. Plus, a drop in numbers is to be expected, given the jump in talent.

"It's nice to have everyone who knows the game in an out and the speed is different," Valles said. "That's the biggest difference … the speed is way quicker than high school. I think because of the athleticism. Everyone wants to run, everyone wants to shoot – everyone's a shooter no matter how tall they are."

Not only has the speed picked up for Valles, but he's also dealing with a greater defensive responsibility, guarding the opposing power forward. The freshman went from guarding the tallest player on the opposing

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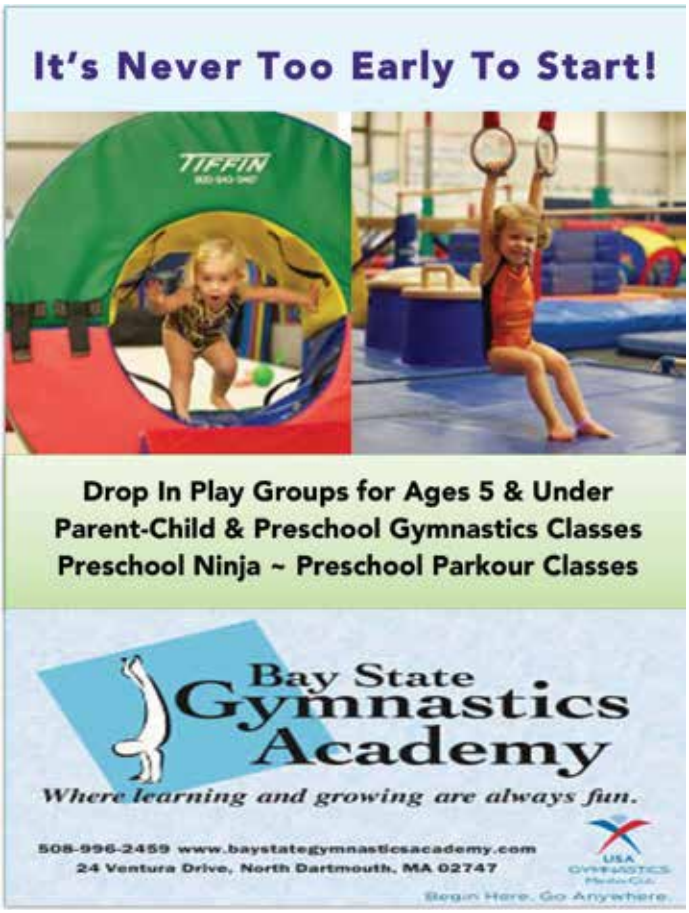

team to handling the most athletic player on the opposing team.

"It's been going very well," Valles said. "We've been down to business since I got here. We do cone drills and other drills. Coach is really keen on man-to-man defense and hedging. We have been doing some switching lately, too."

That all being said, Valles has been faced with the same challenge all freshmen student-athletes deal with – balancing the major class load while having practices, team workouts and games everyday. It's something he'll battle his entire career, but will help him adjust to the real world by the end of his four years as a Fighting Scot.

"Balancing school for sure is tough," Valles said. "There's a lot of time you have to devote, especially at this level, between lift and practice and film."

Tabor Academy

Mile Wright (Tabor '14) is in his senior campaign with Dartmouth College basketball, starting the year 205 points away from the 1,000-point mark. The 6-foot-5 guard has chipped away at the mark, now only 70 points away, having already scored 135 through 11 games this season, averaging 12.3 per game. He's been doing a bit of everything for the Big Green, averaging 4.9 rebounds a game, 1.6 steals and .9 blocks (10 in 11 games) from the guard position.

On the college hockey front, Tabor alum ('15) **Erik Foley** is dominating the ice for No. 11 Providence College.

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The Friars are off to a 10-7-1 start, in large part because of Foley's play, leading the team with 24 points and 11 goals through 18 games. The junior forward is just outside the top 10 in the country in points per game, averaging 1.33 through 18 games. He's also tied for 14th in the nation in points and tied for 15th in goals. Of his 24 points, nine have come on the power play (four goals and five assists).

Foley's teammate at Tabor, **Nicholas Godin** ('16), is building off a strong start to his career with Division II Stonehill. The sophomore had two goals last year with four assists in 22 games played. This year, the forward has three assists in 12 games played. Godin and the Skyhawks are 4-7-1 to start the 2017-2018 campaign and are set to play Johnson and Wales University to start 2018.

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Sincerely,
Jean West

Academic Achievements

Anneliese Schipper of Mattapoisett from the Class of 2021 was named to the fall 2017 Honors List at **Pomfret School**. To achieve this level of distinction, Anneliese earned a grade point average of at least 3.330 and received no grade lower than a B-.

Marion Republican Town Committee

The Marion Republican Town Committee will conduct its next monthly meeting on Monday, **January 8** at 7:00 pm at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, Marion. The public and new members are welcome.

Mattapoisett Free Public Library

The following events are upcoming for January in the Children's Department at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library:

Library Storytimes. Winter Storytime Sessions at the Mattapoisett Public Library will start during the second week of January. Mother Goose on the Loose Storytime for babies age 0-2 is on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am; 2's & 3's Storytime for toddlers is on Thursday mornings at 10:30 am; and Preschool Storytime for ages 3-5 is on Fridays at 10:30 am. Storytimes are drop-in and do not require registration. They run for eight weeks (not during school vacation week) and then we take a two-week break before starting the next Storytime Session in the spring.

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Read to Breton. On Tuesdays and Saturdays, Lenore Everett and her certified therapy dog, Breton, will be at the library for individual appointments during which children of all ages can come and sit with Breton & Lenore for 15-minute time slots to practice their reading skills! Stop by or call the children's department to schedule your session.

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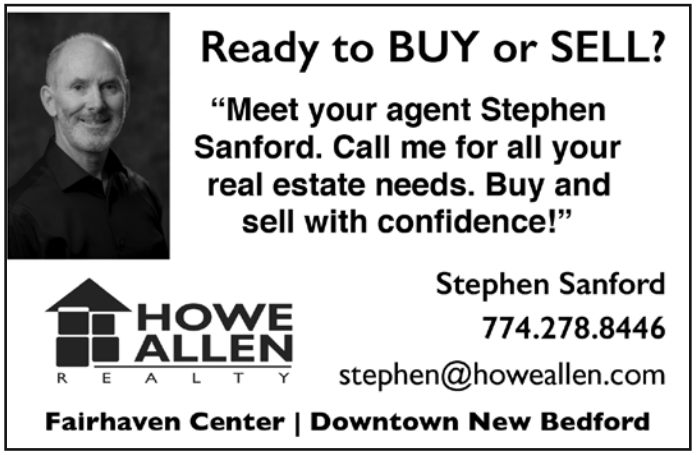

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Rochester Council On Aging

The Rochester Council on Aging announces the following upcoming meetings:

- Legal appointments: Thursday, **January 4** from 3:00 - 4:00 pm
- Conversational French I & II: Fridays, **January 5, 12, 19, and 26** from 9:30 - 11:30 am
- The Pampered Chef: Monday, **January 8**; Demo at 11:30 am and lunch at noon
- Happy Hookers: Tuesday, **January 9** at 10:00 am
- FRIENDS Meeting: Wednesday, **January 10** at 10:00 am
- Blood Pressure Clinic: Wednesday, **January 10** at 10:30am

The Board of Directors has implemented the following rule beginning in January 2018: Regarding Day Trips: Per the COA Board, a new policy for day trips will be implemented as of January 2018. Anyone registering for a day trip offered by the Senior Center will be required to pay a $5 non-refundable donation at the time of registration in order to ensure a seat on the van, as well as defraying transportation operating costs of the van. This is for day trips only, not for medical appointments. We

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Thursday January 4, 2018
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM Addiction Recovery Channel
9:00 AM Children's Corner
9:30 AM Children's Corner
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Eat Well Be Happy
11:00 AM Painting Journeys
12:00 PM Classic Movies
1:30 PM Tae Kwon Do
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Eat Well Be Happy
3:30 PM Garage X
4:00 PM The Garage with Steve Butler
4:30 PM Beyond Boston
5:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
5:30 PM Sidewalk Entertainment
6:00 PM Playhouse Theater
6:30 PM Legal Ease
7:00 PM Registers Report
7:30 PM Money Matters TV
8:00 PM Beyond My Crisis
8:30 PM Science 360
9:00 PM STEM in 30
10:00 PM Off the Shelf
10:30 PM From the Files of Greater Ashland Paranormal
11:00 PM The Weakness
11:30 PM The Weakness

Friday January 5, 2018
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM Dr. Carey's Baby Care
9:00 AM Small Factory Productions
9:30 AM Sing Along Fun with Miss Miriam
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Eat Well Be Happy
11:00 AM Painting Jounreys
12:00 PM Movie
1:30 PM Bulldog Weekly Special
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Wicked Good Food
3:30 PM Who Did It? The Clue VCR Game
4:30 PM 4 Deep Sorts Talk
5:00 PM Duke of Sports
6:00 PM All Things Victorian
6:30 PM Deutsch Welles
7:00 PM Deutsch Welles
7:30 PM Deutsch Welles
8:00 PM The Collective Chat
8:30 PM Don't Dis My Ability
9:30 PM Health Source
10:30 PM 30 Medical Minuets
11:00 PM Conversations with Dr.Don

Saturday January 6, 2018
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM What's New Massachusetts?
9:30 AM Falmouth in Focus
10:00 AM Cape Cod Health News
10:30 AM Southcoast Matters
11:00 AM Money Matters TV
11:30 AM Fox Robbins Business Show
12:00 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
12:30 PM Science 360
1:00 PM Women 2 Women Today
1:30 PM Upper Cape Tech Presents
2:00 PM Carpe Diem
2:30 PM New England Authors with Kameel Nasr
3:00 PM Garage X
3:30 PM The Garage with Steve Butler
4:00 PM Sci-Fi Journal
5:00 PM The Mario and Dennis Show
5:30 PM Arts Alive
6:00 PM Read, Rant, Repeat
7:00 PM Fak'd8 TV News
8:00 PM BANG! The Musical
9:30 PM UMass Dartmouth Winter Concert
10:30 PM In The Fight
11:00 PM Music The Spoken Word Special
11:30 PM Sidewalk Entertainment

Sunday January 7, 2018
7:00 AM Marion Medal Awards Ceremony
8:00 AM Future Talk
8:30 AM Wicked Good Food
9:00 AM Upper Cape Tech Presents
9:30 AM Here Ye, Here Ye
10:00 AM Conversations with Dr.Don
11:00 AM Registers Report
11:30 AM Cinemaniacs
12:30 PM Health Source
1:00 PM First Congregational Church of Rochester
2:00 PM Angel Talk
2:30 PM Ask Dog Lady
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11:00 PM Media Edge

Monday January 8, 2018
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way for Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM Dr. Carey's Baby Care
9:00 AM Children's Corner
9:30 AM Curious Giraffe
10:00 AM What's Linda Cooking?
10:30 AM Eat Well Be Happy
11:00 AM Painting Journeys
12:00 PM Movie
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM Perils For Pedestrians
3:30 PM Historical Sketches
4:00 PM 4 Deep Sports Talk
4:30 PM All Things Victorian
5:00 PM Deutsch Welles
5:30 PM Deutsch Welles
6:00 PM Deutsch Welles
6:30 PM The Collective Chat
7:00 PM The Mario and Dennis Show
7:30 PM Don't Dis My Ability
8:30 PM Health Source
9:00 PM Neighborhoods to Nations
9:30 PM 30 Medical Minuets
10:00 PM Words on Film
11:00 PM Conversations with Dr. Don

Tuesday January 9, 2017
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way For Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM Old Hammondtown School Band
9:00 AM Small Factory Productions
9:30 AM Storytime at Carver Memorial Library
10:00 AM Chef's Tabel
11:00 AM Painting Jouneys
12:00 PM Movie
2:00 PM A Taste of Theater
2:30 PM The Kamla Show
3:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
3:30 PM Garage X
4:00 PM Films for Justice
5:00 PM Hollywood Movie Maker
5:30 PM Sidewalk Entertainment
6:00 PM Playhouse Theater
6:30 PM Legal Ease
7:00 PM Registers Report
7:30 PM Money Matters TV
8:00 PM Beyond My Crisis
8:30 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
9:00 PM Fox Robbins Business Show
9:30 PM Science 360
10:30 PM STEM Tech Girls
11:00 PM From the Files of Greater Ashland Paranormal
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Wednesday January 10, 2018
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Navigating the Way For Seniors
8:00 AM Seniors on the Move
8:30 AM Bulldog Weekly
9:00 AM Storytime at Carver Memorial Library
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Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Marion School Committee – November 28, 2017
8:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission – December 27, 2017
11:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen – December 19, 2017
12:30 AM Marion Planning Board – December 18, 2017
2:30 PM Marion School Committee – November 28, 2017
4:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission – December 27, 2017
6:30 PM Marion Board of Selectman– December 19, 2017
8:00 PM Marion Planning Board – December 18, 2017
8:30 PM Marion Sub Committee – December 18, 2017
10:00 PM Marion Town House Meeting – December 18, 2017
11:30 PM Marion Town House Sub-Committee – November 27, 2017

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
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Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Rochester School Committee – November 16, 2017
9:30 AM Old Rochester Regional District School Committee – December 6,, 2017
12:00 PM Rochester Board Selectmen – December 18, 2017
12:30 PM Rochester Planning Board – December 12, 2017
1:30 PM Rochester Zoneing Board of Appeals – December 28, 2017
2:30 PM Rochester Conservation Comission – December 19, 2017
3:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectman – December 18, 2017
4:00 PM Rochester Planning Board – December 12, 2017
5:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals – December 28, 2017
6:00 PM Rochester Conservation Comission – December 19, 2017
7:00 PM ORR Joint School Committee – December 14, 2017
8:00 PM Old Rochester Regional District School Committee – Decemeber 6, 2017
10:30 PM Rochester School Committee – Novmeber 16, 2017

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 97
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Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM Old Colony VarsityVolleyball vs Baypath
9:00 AM Old Colony Varsity Volleyball vs Blue Hills
10:30 AM Old Colony Varsity Volleyball vs Bristol Aggie
11:30 AM Old Hammondtown School Band
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM RMS Holiday Children's Concert
1:30 PM ORRHS Winter Concert
3:00 PM Center School Children's Concert
4:00 PM Annual Children's Christmas Concert
5:30 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:00 PM ORRHS Varsity Ice Hockey vs Bourne
7:30 PM ORRHS Girls Varsity Basketball vs Durfee
8:30 PM ORRHS Boys Varsity Basketball vs Wareham
10:00 PM ORRHS Varsity Ice Hocky vs Dartmouth
11:00 PM ORRHS JV Boys Basketball vs Wareham

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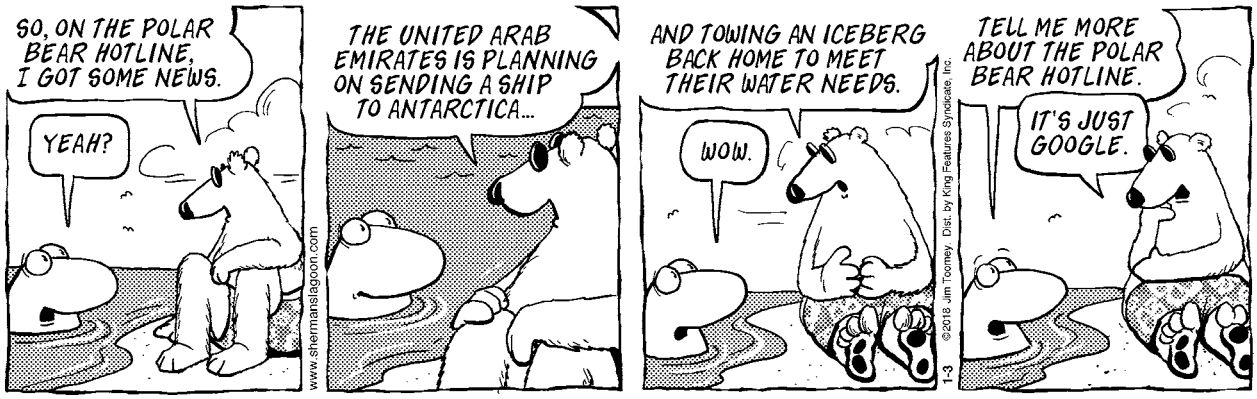

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- **January 11:** Navigating through your iPhone and iPad
- **January 18:** Getting free digital magazines on your device through Zinio
- **January 25:** Streaming free movies through InstantFlix
- **February 1:** Finding your next great read through Novelist
- **February 8:** Using the Boston Public Library free e-resources with a BPL e-Card

Registration is required. Please call, email, or stop into the Elizabeth Taber Library to register.

Meet Libby Demos: Join us on Tuesday, January 16 at 11:00 am or Thursday, January 18 at 4:00 pm for a Meet Libby demo. We'll go over how to access and download eBooks and audiobooks through Overdrive's new reading app, Libby.

Scrabble Club: Wednesdays at 11:00 am. This winter, join us at the Elizabeth Taber Library every second and fourth Wednesday of the month (January 10, 24 and February 14, 28) for a friendly game of Scrabble. All levels of play are welcome. For more information, please call the

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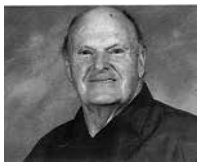

Jerome R. Deane, 86, also known as "Dick, Benny or Jerry", of W. Wareham, died Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at his home.

Born in New Bedford, he was the son of the late Jerome W. and Frances (Long) Deane. Mr. Deane was a Korean War veteran and served in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1954.

Mr. Deane was the former owner of The Flower Cart in Middleboro. He then was Supervisor of Housekeeping at Tabor Academy in Marion for 20 years, then served as chapel attendant until his retirement in June 2017.

He was a member of the Marion Grange Hall, and member of the former North Marion United Methodist Church. Mr. Deane enjoyed gardening and flowers, and was proud to have his home in Wareham included in the Marion Garden Club house tour.

He is survived by his daughter, Jerolyn Deslauriers of Shrewsbury; his sister, Jane Ladner of Marion; his grandchildren, Michael, Matthew, and Amy Deslauriers; and his great grandchildren, Haley and Jack Deslauriers.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 124 Front Street, Marion at 11 AM.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Mass. Humane Society, 445 North Franklin Street, Holbrook, MA 02343. Arrangements by Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, Wareham. For directions and on-line guestbook visit: www.ccgfuneralhome.com

Paul Revere Pearle, 90, of Marion, formerly of Wareham and Marshfield, died Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at Royal of Fairhaven Nursing Center after a long illness. He was the husband of Geraldine L. (Vallier) Pearle.

Born in Woburn, he was the son of the late Frederick C. and Margaret (Cunning) Pearl. He moved to Marshfield as a child, and graduated from Marshfield High School, class of 1945. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and returned to Marshfield where he lived until 1973 when he moved to Wareham. Mr. Pearle has lived in Marion since 2006.

A master electrician and general contractor, Mr. Pearle owned and operated Pearle Electric, and Paul Revere Restoration. A specialist in the preservation of historic buildings, Mr. Pearle was active in the restoration of the Tobey Homestead in Wareham, and the On-I-set Wigwam at Crescent Park. He resided in the Lt. Prince Burgess House in Wareham, that was built in 1683 and believed the oldest house in Plymouth County.

Mr. Pearle was a longtime parishioner of St. Patrick's Church in Wareham and was a member of the Knights of Columbus Damien Council # 4190 in Mattapoisett.

He is survived by his wife, Geraldine; his children, Kathleen Pearle of Bristol, RI, Deborah DiBona and her husband Robert of Marshfield, Lysa Riccardi and her husband David of Marion, Dierdre Collins of Falmouth, and Matthew Pearle and his wife Ann of Wareham; his brother, John Pearl of Marshfield; his grandchildren, Asa Cameron, Adam DiBona and his wife Jill, Briana Watson and her husband Craig, Jordan DiBona and his wife Meghan, Meagan Pavao, Mark Derby and his wife Lisa, Nathan Riccardi and his wife Suzy, Jacob Riccardi and his wife Celia, Brian Bevilacqua, Nicole Sharp and her wife Brandi, Angela Pearle, Matthew Pearle, Jr., and Joseph Pearle; his great grandchildren, Jesse Pavao, Henry Pavao, Lily Derby, Ailyn Derby, Vincent DiBona, Lena DiBona, Reese Sharp, and Maxwell Watson. He was predeceased by his son, the late Paul Brian Pearle; his brothers, Everett, Herbert, James, and Robert Pearl; and his grandson, the late Josiah Cameron.

His funeral will be from the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 2599 Cranberry Highway (Rt. 28), Wareham on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 9 am followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Patrick's Church, High St., Wareham at 10 am. Burial will be private. Visiting hours will be Monday, January 1, 2018 from 4 – 7 pmM.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Oak Grove Cape Verdean Cultural Center, P.O. Box 1100, Onset, MA 02558 OR Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Rd., Waltham, MA 02452.

Charles A. Mead, 86, of Marion, died Thursday, December 21, 2017 at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, RI.

Born in Lancaster, NH, he was the son of the late Alden and Emma Mae (Hessenthaler) Mead. A previous resident of Norwell, Mr. Mead moved to Marion in 1953.

During the Korean war, he served in the U.S. Air Force 3320th Technical Training Group.

Mr. Mead worked as a box maker for Marian Heath Greeting Cards in Wareham. He also worked for Continental Screw, Cape Cod Shipbuilding, and was the owner of Sippican River Wheel Shop. Enjoying a good adventure, Mr. Mead road his bicycle across the country, as well as to the top of Mt. Washington. He was also known for importing the first VW Type 1 "Beetle" automobile to the area.

He is survived by his nephew, Steven A. Briggs of Marion, and his niece, Rita St. Germaine also of Marion.

Funeral services and burial will be private.

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Sippican Woman's Club

The Sippican Woman's Club invites members and guests to join our monthly meeting on Friday, **January 12** at 12:30 pm. We will meet at our clubhouse, 152 Front Street, Marion. Marion resident and Tabor Academy teacher David Pierce will give a PowerPoint presentation on "The Sippican Hotel & Casino." David will take us back in time to what is referred to in our little seaside town as its "Golden Age." David will allow us an opportunity to imagine ourselves sitting on the hotel's verandas by day and dancing in the casino's second floor ballroom in the evening.

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TriTown Happenings

Meet Marion's tenth police chief, Chief John Garcia, who was sworn-in on December 28 at the Marion Music Hall. Photo by Jean Perry

Retiring Marion Police Chief Lincoln Miller (left) congratulates new Police Chief John Garcia on the night of December 28. Miller's official day of retirement was December 31. Photo by Jean Perry

On December 29 Miss Massachusetts Jillian Zucco held a Make A Difference Expo at the Knights of Columbus hall. Various volunteer organizations and groups dependent on volunteer participation set up tables and invited the public to learn how they could help. Outside in the parking lot Boston Children' Hospital mobile blood donation van with the slogan "give pints for half pints," saw a steady flow of people throughout the day. This event is the latest in many that Zucco has organized around her platform of volunteerism. Photos by Marilou Newell

Colonel Arnold Briggs of West Wareham was recently presented with the American Truck Historical Society's Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented at the ATHS Nutmeg Chapter's Annual Thanksgiving meeting held at the Hall of Fame Museum in Canterbury, CT. Briggs was cited for his many years of service to the ATHS, holding various positions and selflessly dedicating himself to the goals of the society. Jon Yeomans, ATHS Nutmeg Chapter president, is shown here congratulating Briggs on his well-deserved Distinguished Service Award. Photo submission Nutmeg Chapter

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

The Sippican Hotel, once located on the corner of South and Water Streets, started out as a two-story farm house built in 1794. In 1864, the former farm house became The Bay View House and a third floor was added. In 1882, an additional wing was added and a final four-story addition was added in 1907.

In the early 1900s, famed artists, presidents, literary people, and well-to-do families from Boston and New York came for the summer and enjoyed the comforts of The Sippican Hotel and Casino located across the street on the harbor where guests could gamble, listen to music, dance in the ballroom or play tennis on adjacent courts. Summer residents came by train, then trolley from Wareham with their luggage following by horse and carriage.

The hotel was sold to a Boston syndicate that planned to convert the hotel into a Tavern and the Casino into a dance hall, but with the advent of The Great Depression, the hotel and casino were torn down in 1929. Thus, the memories of a bygone era live on through the documentation of people like David Pierce who bring history alive for us.

The Sippican Woman's Club meets on the second Friday of the month (September through March) at 12:30 pm, with a finger-food luncheon, followed by a business meeting at 1:00 pm and program at 1:30 pm. The meetings are held at The Sippican Woman's Club, Handy's Tavern, 152 Front Street, Marion. Parking is available at Island

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TriTown Happenings

January 1 found locals Freezin' for a Reason again at the annual polar plunge fundraiser to benefit those who are fighting cancer in our own community. At Mattapoisett Town Beach that morning, the air temperature was in the single digits and the water was a frigid 40 degrees. (right) Prayer flag ribbons adorn Mattapoisett Town Beach during the plunge in support of families dealing with unexpected financial burdens after receiving a cancer diagnosis. Three hundred flags were passed out, giving a good indication of the number of people who were on hand to either take the plunge or support the cause. Photos by Glenn C. Silva

Dylan, Camryn, and Heather Spark of Fairhaven (where the polar plunge was postponed) prepare to support those taking the plunge.

Jasmine Burns of Westport, Elijah Neal and Erica Cecil of Rochester warm up after 'Freezin' for a Reason.' Burns was one of two people to remain in the frigid water the longest, earning a $100 restaurant gift certificate.

Jeffrey Lopez of Mattapoisett and his support team, 'Dad', wait for the starting gun just before the plunge.

Erica Cecil of Rochester, Jasmine Burns of Westport, and Elijah Neal of Rochester stay cozy before heading into the freezing sea.

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Wharf Road parking lot. Guests may RSVP to: Info@SippicanWomansClub.org. For membership information, contact Jeanne Lake at 508-748-0619 or visit our website: www.sippicanwomansclub.org.

MAC Actor Needed

We have a fantastic cast ready to start rehearsals for the spring production at Marion Art Center, but we are still looking for a young male (who looks 20-30 years old) to play Paul Bratter.

The production is a whimsical, domestic comedy set in Manhattan in the 1960s. Paul and Corie Bratter are young newlyweds starting off their lives together, along with a meddling mother-in-law, an eccentric neighbor, and an affable telephone installation lady.

Production dates are March 16-18 and 22-24. Contact Pippa Asker at 508-509-6482 or pasker@comcast.net for more information; auditions may be arranged.

Rochester Democratic Town Committee

The next meeting of the Rochester Democratic Town Committee is Thursday, **January 11** at 6:30 pm at the Rochester Police Station on Dexter Lane. We will discuss committee goals and projects for the coming year.

January Programs at Plumb Library

The COA Book Group will discuss *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* on Tuesday, **January 16** at 10:15 am at the Rochester COA, Dexter Lane. Books are available at the Library. Working in Gaborone, Botswana, sleuth Precious Ramotswe investigates several local mysteries, including a search for a missing boy and the case of the clinic doctor with different personalities for different days of the week.

"Just the Facts," the Nonfiction Book Group will discuss *Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything* on Thursday, **January 18** at 6:30 pm at the Library. Books are available at the circulation desk or downloadable from Overdrive. *Freakonomics* takes an unconventional look at how the economy really works, from cheating and crime to sports and child-rearing, offering a very different view on what really matters and what really drives the economy.

Café Parlez will discuss *The Baker's Secret* on

Movie Review

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By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***The Post*. Starring Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks. Directed by Steven Spielberg. Running time: 116 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now in limited theatrical release; opens wide January 11.**

It seems unlikely, but *The Post* marks the first time Steven Spielberg has put the Vietnam War on the screen. Granted, it's only for the first few minutes, and I can't really forgive his easy falling back on Creedence Clearwater Revival for the song choice (Creedence is generally the lazy director's signifier for 'Nam). But the PG-13 jungle chaos Spielberg stages right at the start helps to establish why the saturnine and disaffected Daniel Ellsberg (Matthew Rhys) risks everything to leak sensitive government documents to the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and seventeen other newspapers — documents that show the government knew we couldn't win the war.

The Post isn't really about Ellsberg, whose story was told in a cable movie from 1993, *The Pentagon Papers*, starring James Spader. No, the story here is about chasing a story. Katharine Graham (Meryl Streep) has taken over as publisher of the *Post* from her husband, who committed suicide eight years prior; she feels insecure in the role, the paper is bleeding money, and now would seem the worst time to run a bombshell story that will, at the very least, antagonize the Nixon administration. But the story is more or less dropped into a *Post* reporter's lap, and the savvy editor Ben Bradlee (Tom Hanks) lunges for it. Various lawyers and bean-counters advise Ben and Katharine to back off. They won't.

The problem is, there's not much inner conflict. Every so often there's a line of dialogue about how very, very foolish the paper would be, especially after going public at a loss, to pursue its line of inquiry. This sort of scene generally ends with Ben or Katharine nodding gravely and saying something like "Okay. We're going with it anyway." Spielberg doesn't put much stress on their fear, or on anything else, really. The filmmaking is very mild, classical at times, shot in long takes of two people sitting and talking. Despite that, *The Post* does move along; it comes in at a brisk hour and fifty-six minutes, which for Spielberg these days is concise. It's smooth work from an old master (despite clunks like a bad continuity gaffe involving someone's cigarette).

The smoothness is meant to help the message go down — that a free press is crucial for an informed public, that in the words of the Supreme Court it's there for the governed, not the governors. Under the current leadership, which is fond of discounting the media with squawks of "fake news," we are meant to find that message more poignantly urgent than ever. But — how to put it gently? — those who might most benefit from such a message aren't likely to go see *The Post*, or to come away from it changed if they do go. It is possibly, then, a note of go-get-'em support to the beleaguered and splintered media of the moment. *If they could take a demon off the throne,* the movie whispers, *so can you.*

Spielberg, though, doesn't bring much passion to it, and he seems to encourage his actors, sharp but tremulous Streep and amiably growling Hanks, to underplay to match his apparent energy level. Years from now, away from its current relevance, *The Post* will play like a sedate prequel to *All the President's Men* — here's how the heroic paper rose from its underdog status to set the table for its later, larger triumph. I don't think the seeming lack of engagement on Spielberg's part is due to his indifference to the subject, but maybe to the simple, complexity-free way it's presented (by writers Liz Hannah and Josh Singer, the latter of whom wrote *Spotlight*, a better movie about a paper going after the big fish). *The Post* is bland and, if I'm not mistaken, vaguely dispirited, as if Spielberg knew the media it depicts has become a shadow of itself, as have the media's consumers. Newspaper-making even in its full metal physical details — the clacking typewriters, the gleaming printing plates — had more substance in the old days.

Thursday, **January 25** at 6:30 pm at the Library. Books are available at the circulation desk or downloadable from Overdrive. A baker's apprentice in Normandy endures shame and anger as her kind mentor is targeted and arrested for his Jewish heritage, a violation that compels the young woman to engage in discreet resistance activities, baking contraband loaves of bread for the hungry using surplus ingredients taken from occupying forces.

Plumb Library Knitters and Crocheters meets every Monday at 6:30 pm. All skill levels are welcome, and chocolate is always served.

Children of all ages are invited to Read to Amos the greyhound. Amos and his handler Ms. Holly are a certified team for Therapy Dogs International. They are also part of a Children Reading to Dogs program called "Tail-Waggin' Tutors." Amos, an 8-year-old greyhound, is a good listener, and children can make a five-minute appointment to read to him. Reading aloud to a dog is a great way for a child to become a more confident reader. Dogs are non-judgmental and don't care if the child makes a mistake in reading.

Registration can be done through the Plumb Library's Event Calendar and is required for this program. Space is limited. Once you attend, you are officially a member of the Amos Book Club. Dates for January are **January 20 & 27**.

Plumb Library is located at 17 Constitution Way, Rochester. For more information on these and other programs, call the library at 508-763-8600 or email info@plumblibrary.com.

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Gateway Youth Hockey

The Gateway Gladiator Mite C team met their match on Saturday as they lost to the Canal Sharks. It was their last game of 2017, and they were very short handed, only having five skaters. They gave it everything they had, facing a tough goaltender from Canal. **Tomas doCanto** scored the lone goal for the Gladiators, shooting it over the goalie's shoulder. **Kaden Silva** played well in net, making many saves for the Gladiators.

Groundhog Cover Contest

The Wanderer is once again holding our Groundhog Day Cover Contest.
The winner's artwork will appear on the cover of our February 1, 2018 issue.
The winner will also receive a cash prize of $100!

Create an original work of art to be displayed on the cover of *The Wanderer*. Anything that can be displayed on the cover is acceptable, photos, drawings, paintings, etc.
Entries are due in The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett by 3pm on January 25.
Remember, all artwork should be tall to best fit on our cover.
All entries must include a signed copy of the Official Entry Form which can be picked up at The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett or downloaded at www.wanderer.com

Voting will start on January 26 and end on January 29. To vote, visit our web page at: **www.wanderer.com.** The winner will be on the cover of our February 1, 2018 issue.

Everyone who votes will be entered to win a *Wanderer Groundhog Gift Basket*!

Tri-town Police Logs

MARION

Log highlights Dec 24-Dec 30

- *Not available at press time*

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Dec 24-Dec 30

- Rt. 195 – MV Violations
- Second St - Fire
- Tinkham Lane - Fire
- County Rd – Burglar Alarm
- Randall Rd – Burglar Alarm
- Marion Rd – Suspicious Person
- Acushnet Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
- High Ridge Rd – Burglar Alarm
- Wolf Island Rd – Fire Alarm
- Silver Shell Ave - Vandalism
- Assist Rochester
- Meadowbrook Ln - Lockout
- County Rd – Burglar Alarm
- North St – Civil Complaint
- Acushnet Rd – Fire Alarm
- Acushnet Rd - Transport
- Marion Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
- Acushnet Rd - Disturbance
- Marina Dr – Burglar Alarm
- Cannon St – Burglar Alarm
- County Rd -209A Service
- North St – Burglar Alarm
- Water St – Suspicious Vehicle
- Acushnet Rd –Burglar Alarm
- Beech Wood Rd - Lockout
- Angelica Ave – Animal Control
- Driscoll Ln - Disturbance
- Alderberry Ln - Ambulance
- Meadowbrook Ln - Ambulance

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Dec 24-Dec 30

- Vaughn Hill – Vehicle Stop
- Mars Pons Rd – Suspicious Person
- Neck Rd - Fire
- Williams Way – Animal Control
- Marion Rd – Burglar Alarm
- North Ave – Highway Matter
- Bryant Ln – Burglar Alarm
- Pierce St – Highway Matter
- Bishop Rd – Burglar Alarm
- Cranberry Hwy – Traffic Hazard
- North Ave – Traffic Control
- Maxim Rd – Suspicious Person
- North Ave - Fire
- Perrys Lane –Area Check
- Foss Farm Rd - Ambulance
- Dexter Ln – Paper Service
- Walnut Plain – Assist Citizen
- Pierce St - Investigation
- New Bedford Rd – Larceny/Forgery
- Marys Pond Rd - Ambulance
- Walnut Plain - Fire
- Hathaway Pond - Ambulance
- Clapp Rd – Animal Control
- Hiller Rd - Complaint
- Braley Hill Rd – Animal Control
- Clapp Rd – Animal Control
- Clapp Rd – Suspicious Vehicle
- Dexter Ln – Officer Wanted
- Noble Rd – Burglar Alarm

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

Regional Lunch Menus

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, Jan 8: Baked meatloaf, gravy w/pearl onions, mashed potato, country vegetables, oatmeal bread, cinnamon apples
Tuesday, Jan 9: Mac & cheese, brussel sprouts, tomato florentine, fruit loaf, pineapple
Wednesday, Jan 10: Chicken escarole soup, chicken parmesan, penne pasta w/sauce, California vegetables, whole wheat roll, banana
Thursday, Jan 11: Potato pollock filet, tartar sauce, potato wedges, green beans, honey wheat bread, mandarin oranges
Friday, Jan 12: Chicken chow mein, Asian rice, oriental vegetables, dinner roll, applesauce, fortune cookie

CENTER SCHOOL

Monday, Jan 8: Chicken fajita w/ cheese, corn & black bean salsa, fiesta rice, cucumber slices
Tuesday, Jan 9: Buffalo chicken mac & cheese, green beans, carrot & celery sticks
Wednesday, Jan 10: Pancakes, sausage, hash brown, string cheese, strawberry & cream cups
Thursday, Jan 11: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing
Friday, Jan 12: No School – Professional Development Day

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, Jan 8: Hot dog, baked beans, fun size chips, carrot & celery sticks, pickle
Tuesday, Jan 9: Buffalo chicken mac & cheese, green beans, carrot & celery sticks
Wednesday, Jan 10: Pancakes, sausage, hash brown, string cheese, strawberry & cream cups
Thursday, Jan 11: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing
Friday, Jan 12: No School – Professional Development Day

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, Jan 8: Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato, pickle, spiral fries, brainy broccoli, carrot & celery sticks
Tuesday, Jan 9: Taco nacho, cheese sauce, tortilla chips, lettuce, black bean salsa, fresh baked cookie
Wednesday, Jan 10: Scrambled eggs & bacon, hash brown, cheese stick, sliced tomato, mixed fruit cup
Thursday, Jan 11: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato w/gravy, corn, dinner roll
Friday, Jan 12: No School – Professional Development Day

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, Jan 8: Hot dog, baked beans, fun size chips, carrot & celery sticks, pickle
Tuesday, Jan 9: Buffalo chicken mac & cheese, green beans, carrot & celery sticks
Wednesday, Jan 10: Pancakes, sausage, hash brown, string cheese, strawberry & cream cups
Thursday, Jan 11: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing
Friday, Jan 12: No School – Professional Development Day

SIPPICAN SCHOOL

Monday, Jan 8: Hot dog, baked beans, fun size chips, carrot & celery sticks, pickle
Tuesday, Jan 9: Cheesy chicken pasta bake, green beans, carrot & celery sticks
Wednesday, Jan 10: Pancakes, sausage, hash brown, string cheese, strawberry & cream cups
Thursday, Jan 11: Stuffed crust pizza, fresh tossed salad w/dressing
Friday, Jan 12: No School – Professional Development Day

OLD COLONY REGIONAL

Monday, Jan 8: Crispy chicken bowl w/mashed potato, corn, gravy & biscuit
Tuesday, Jan 9: Chicken & cheese pizza quesadilla, salsa, sour cream & corn & bean salad
Wednesday, Jan 10: Meatball sub or wrap, broccoli & sweet potato fries
Thursday, Jan 11: Mozzarella sticks, fries, marinara sauce, baked beans & bread
Friday, Jan 12: Assorted stuffed crust pizza & Caesar salad

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Cheaters Opens Theatre One Season

Theatre One's 2018 season starts off with Michael Jacob's wacky comedy *Cheaters*. *Cheaters* is "downright hilarious!" quotes *The New York Post*, with "Welcome heights of hilarity!" quoting *The New Yorker*. Come join Theatre One's production of Michael Jacob's very funny play directed by Peg Holzemer, as we follow Omer Courcy of Taunton, Susan Salvesen of Marion, Manny Moitoso of Wareham, Judy Ardolino of Rockland, Chris Cartier of West Bridgewater and Vanessa Lima of Brockton on a merry chase, as it's everyone for himself, in this wild, rollicking look at love and romance. Show opens Friday, **January 12** at the Alley Theatre, 133 Center Street, Middleboro, for two weekends: Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm, Sundays at 2:00 pm. Closing is on Sunday, January 21. Tickets: General Admission - $20; Seniors - $18. Cash only at the door; no reservations. We accept food donations at all of our performances for the Middleboro COA Senior Pantry. For more information, call 1-774-213-5193.

Chamber Music Series

On **January 13 and 14**, the South Coast Chamber Music Series presents "Ritmos Caliente" with virtuoso guitarist Aaron Larget-Caplan. This winter concert features a selection of spicy Latin American music including Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco's Fantasia for Guitar and Piano, Manuel de Falla's seductive cycle "Siete Canciones Populares Españolas," and Niccolò Paganini's piquant Terzetto Concertante. The program holds the boil with Joaquin Turina's Piano Quartet, and Astor Piazzolla's shimmering "Oblivion" and "Summer" for piano trio.

Larget-Caplan is an international touring and recording artist, and "a unique talent not to be missed," per *The Washington Post*. He has performed solo and chamber music in Russia, Europe, and the United States. He will perform with Chamber musicians Janice Weber, piano and Artistic Director; Piotr Buczek, violin; Don Krishnaswami, viola; and Timothy Roberts, cello. Saturday's concert will take place at 4:00 pm at St. Gabriel's Church, 124 Front Street, Marion. Sunday's

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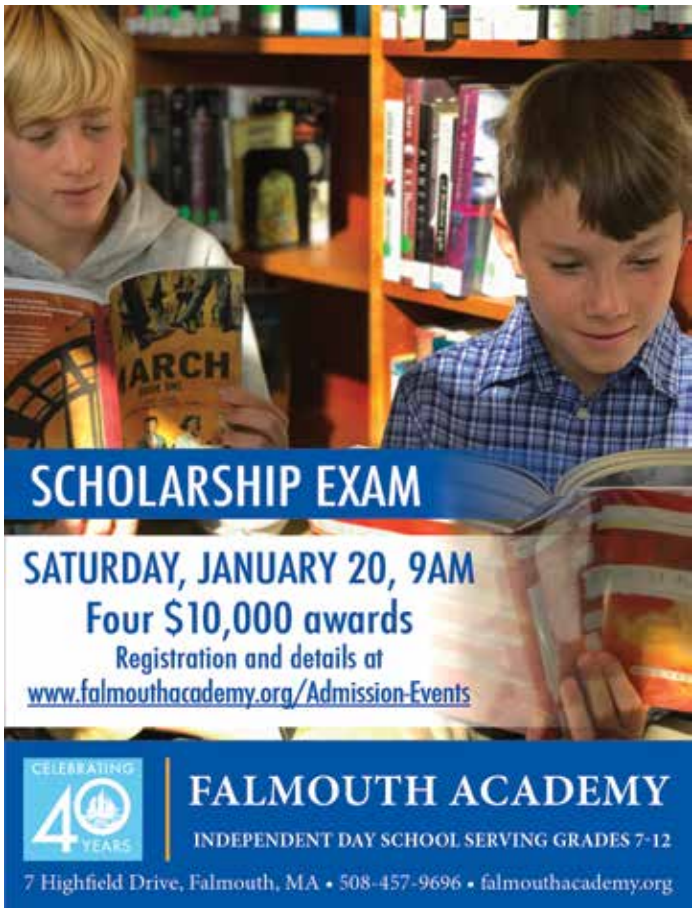
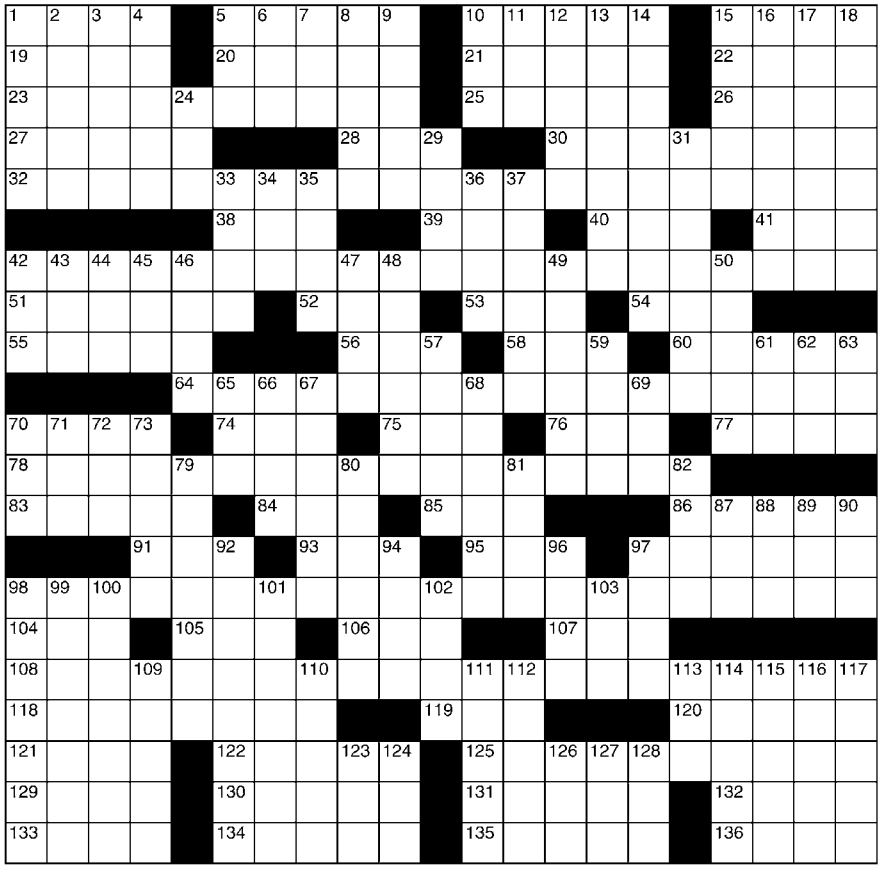


Super Crossword

BED OF FISH

ACROSS
1 Santa — (desert winds)
5 Heroic tales
10 "iZombie" network
15 Marathoner's statistic
19 Promote
20 Horror, e.g.
21 Prefix with gram or liter
22 Strong — ox
23 Start of a riddle
25 "That is to say ..."
26 Piper's garb
27 AWOL part
28 Pat lightly
30 Short literary sketch
32 Riddle, part 2
38 Jailbird
39 Poet's "always"
40 German's "one"
41 Suffix with sucr- or lact-
42 Riddle, part 3
51 Starting point
52 Ike's inits.
53 Cell stuff
54 Government loan agcy.
55 Runway user
56 Clumsy sort
58 Dollar pts.
60 He beat Romney
64 Riddle, part 4
70 "Look, I did it!"
74 Ostrich kin
75 Bohea, e.g.
76 That, in Chile
77 Oil gp.
78 Riddle, part 5
83 '90s-'00s boy band
84 Thrice-spun-off TV show
85 Wimbledon unit
86 Swimming (in)
91 Sue Grafton's "— for Evidence"
93 Mind-reading ability
95 Lilted syllable
97 "Hägar the Horrible" creator Dik
98 Riddle, part 6
104 Pitching whiz
105 Ballpark fig.
106 Prefix meaning "equal"
107 Syllable after "Mao"
108 End of the riddle
118 Merit the best score, maybe
119 Half of hexa-
120 See 45-Down
121 Lacking width and depth, for short
122 Els of golf
125 Riddle's answer
129 Baseball team count
130 Actress Tierney
131 Plants used in first aid
132 Borscht vegetable
133 Anti-DUI org.
134 More sneaky
135 Flirty laugh
136 Probability

DOWN
1 Slanting
2 Like free banking
3 Acoustic
4 Rock's Perry
5 "I" problem
6 Chapel seat
7 Hotel's kin
8 Set of beliefs
9 Roomy car
10 "No need to share all that," in texts
11 That bloke
12 School pupil, in France
13 Actresses Bloom and Danes
14 Fancy shoes
15 George of "Star Trek"
16 "... true statement, correct?"
17 Dog or cat breed
18 Went inside
24 Ida. borderer
29 British TV network, with "the"
31 Tiny self-propelled machine
33 Clicked-on graphic
34 Bart Simpson, to Marge
35 With a sharp image, briefly
36 — -do-well
37 Long ditch
42 Marge Simpson, to Bart
43 — -Magnon
44 Prefix with day or week
45 With 120-Across, 65 and older, e.g.
46 Sledding site
47 Work like —
48 Cherished by
49 Ramble on
50 Verboten act
57 Feudal lands
59 Cubs hero Sammy
61 Galaxy buy
62 Pal of Larry and Curly
63 Jets' gp.
65 Conifer with toxic seeds
66 Apple choice
67 Sipped on
68 Sex cell
69 Down vote
70 Earthy color
71 Muscles below pecs
72 Handyman's initialism
73 Nixon's veep
79 Actress Annabella
80 Not make the event in time, say
81 Other, in Chile
82 Delhi wear
87 Concave pan
88 Stupefy
89 NBC skit show since '75
90 Kin of "Psst!"
92 Secondary details
94 Elegant
96 Voting 69-Down
97 Cordon — (chicken dish)
98 Particles composed of quarks
99 South Pacific region
100 Soho locale
101 Left-leaning
102 Ring around a castle
103 Pa. hours
109 Surrendered
110 Listless feeling
111 Yummy morsel
112 Edge shyly
113 Abbr. at LAX
114 1990s fitness fad
115 "— a drink!"
116 Looked at provocatively
117 Swift homes
123 Wrath
124 Acoustic organ
126 "So fancy!"
127 Peace gesture
128 Nationality suffix



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) It's a good time for reunions with those very special people from your past. You could be pleasantly surprised by what comes to light during one of these get-togethers.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The new year gets off to an encouraging start for the Bold Bovine who takes that demanding workplace challenge by the horns and steers it in the right direction.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The clever Gemini will be quick to spot the telltale signs of workplace changes that could open up new opportunities for the right person. (And that's you, isn't it?)

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child's post-holiday letdown soon lifts as you begin to get back into your comfortable routine. Someone from your past extends a surprise bid to reconnect.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You've been the ultimate social Lion over the holidays. Now it's time to relax and recharge your energy so you can be at your best when you pounce on that new project.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A relationship could be moving in a direction you might not want to follow. Step back for a better overview of the situation. You might be surprised at what you see.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Emotions rule at the start of the week, affecting your perception about a decision. Best advice: Avoid commitments until that good Libran sense kicks back in.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A longtime friendship could take a romantic turn early in the new year. While this pleases your passionate side, your logical self might want to go slow.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Someone might make a surprising disclosure about a trusted friend or workplace colleague. Stay cool and reserve judgment until you get more facts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might think you've found what you've been looking for. But appearances can be deceiving. Don't act on your discovery until you know more about it.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're no doubt anxious for that confusing situation to be cleared up. But don't press for a quick resolution or you might overlook some vital facts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Now that your holiday distractions are easing, you need to apply yourself to getting those unfinished tasks done so you can begin a new project with a clean slate.

BORN THIS WEEK: People respect both your wisdom and your deep sense of loyalty and compassion.

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concert will take place at 4:00 pm at St. Peter's Church, 351 Elm Street, South Dartmouth. Admission is $20 at the door, or purchase in advance online at www.nbsymphony.org/season-subscriptions#chamber-tickets (please bring receipt for admission).

The South Coast Chamber Music Series was formed in 2001 to present high-quality classical chamber music for the communities of Southeastern Massachusetts. Each program presents an engaging array of styles, timbres, and artists in lively acoustic environments in Marion and South Dartmouth. We joined forces with the New Bedford Symphony Orchestra in 2014, giving both organizations an opportunity to expand in all directions—more concerts, more musicians, and more music. To learn more about the Chamber Series, visit www.nbsymphony.org/southcoast-chamber-music-series.

FMCoA Call To Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Mattapoisett Friends of the Council on Aging will be held on Monday, **January 8** at 3:00 pm at the Senior Center in Center School, 17 Barstow Street. (Snow date is January 11; same time and place.) The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect a Board of Directors and deal with any legal concerns of its members.

After the meeting, our Attorney, Robert G. Moore, Esq., will give a short talk regarding various legal papers a person should have in their files. He will also address the difference between probate or having one's estate held in a trust.

All are welcome to attend both the meeting and/or the talk.

Upcoming Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Medicare and You – An Informational Workshop. If you are getting ready to sign up for Medicare or would like more information about comparing plans and understanding Medigap and Medicare Advantage, then this workshop is for you. Sign up to attend on Sunday, **January 7** at 2:00 pm. Consultant Jo-Anne Ryan of JR Consulting will present an overview of the sign up process and where you can learn to compare plans. This is informational only and is not a sales presentation. Bring your questions!

Friends' Used Book Sale. The next Used Book Sale will be held on Saturday, **January 13** from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Hundreds of new titles are available for children, teens and adults.

Book Discussion Group. Join our group on Sunday, **January 14** from 2:00 to 3:30 pm to talk about *The Winter Sea* by Susanna Kearsley. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk. Everyone is welcome to this and future meetings, held on the second Sunday of each month.

Learn to Use the New Library Telescope. Attend the Backyard Astronomy Program on Tuesday, **January 16** and learn from the pros. Astronomers from the Aldrich Astronomical Society will be on hand from 6:30 to 7:30 pm to guide you in looking at the night sky using the library's new telescope. A brief presentation will be followed by an outside demonstration. The whole family is welcome to learn how to use the telescope so it can be checked out with a library card. Registration is appreciated. Call the library at 508-758-4171.

Learn to Scan and Print on a 3D Printer. Join librarian Liz Sherry on Friday, **January 19** from 3:00 to 4:30 pm to learn how to scan and print on our 3D printer. Bring something to scan or make a scan yourself. Call 508-758-4171 to sign up.

Learn to Make Winter Soups with Chef Colby

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MARION
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Marion Community Preservation Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Police Station conference room, 550 Mill Street, Marion. The purpose of the hearing is to review the 2018 Community Preservation Plan.

Randy Parker, Chairman 12/21, 12/28, 1/4 (on-line only), 1/11

TOWN OF ROCHESTER
POLICE DEPARTMENT
LEGAL NOTICE

The Town of Rochester Police Department will be CONDUCTING ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS throughout the year of all establishments holding liquor licenses. 1/4 (on-line only), 1/11, 1/18

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on the following applications:

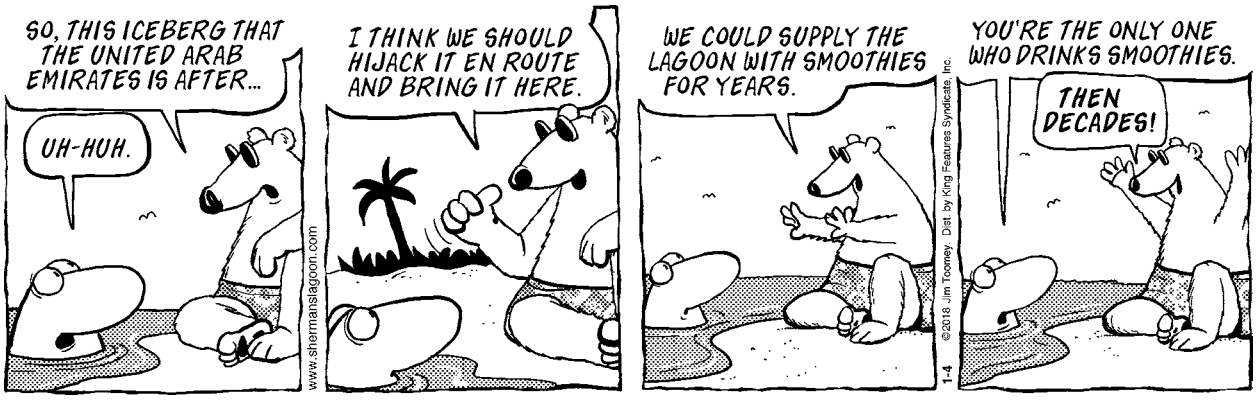
Application of CHRIS DEMAKIS AND VINCE CRAGIN, 10 Water Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, RE: 10 Water Street. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Sections 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3, as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws, to build a 10'6" by 16' two-story addition as shown on the plan. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 6:00 pm. Case #1403

Application of DONNA MCCAFFERY, 20 Prospect Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, RE: 16 Cove Street, Plot 1, Lot 18. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Sections 3.1.2.2, as provided by Section 7.2.2 of the Zoning By-Laws, to build a new single family home with pre-1973 setbacks. The property is further described as Plot 1, Lot 18 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held at the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 6:15 pm. Case #1404

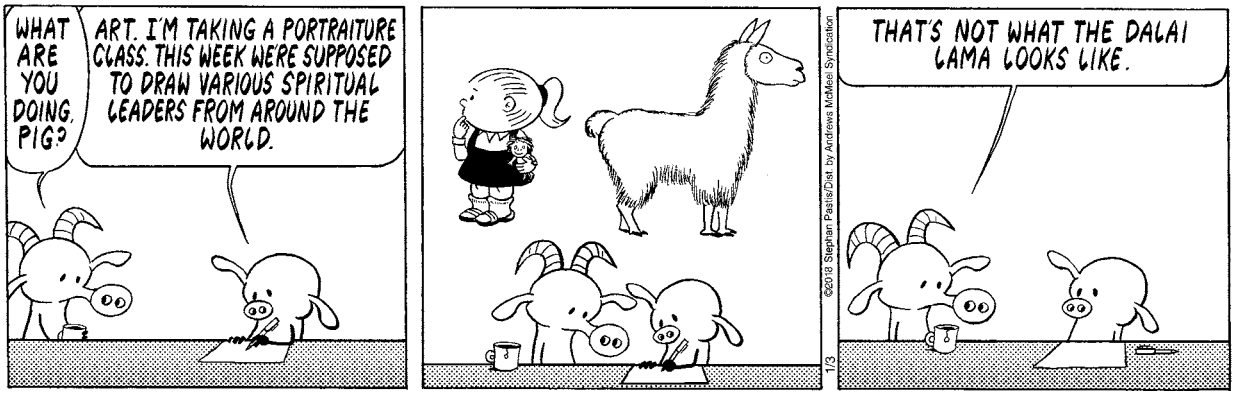
Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours.

Susan Akin, Chairperson
Mary Anne Brogan, Norman Lyonnais, Kenneth Pacheco, Colby Rottler 1/4 (on-line only), 1/11

SHERMAN'S LAGOON
by J.P. Toomey



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



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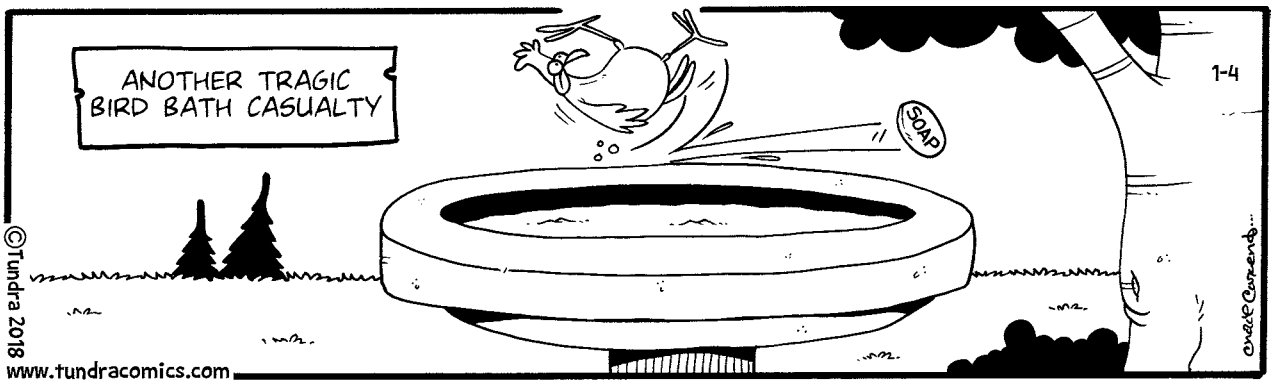
by Chad Carpenter



Rottler. Sign up for a cooking demonstration to be held on Sunday, **January 21** from 2:00 to 3:00 pm when Chef Rottler will help us create several delicious soups. Learn the basics and get creative with these new recipes.

Photography I and II. On Sundays, **January 28** and **February 4**, photographer Richard VanInwegen will guide participants in the process of creating a great photograph. Learn what professionals consider before getting ready to shoot the picture. Both sessions run from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Register by calling the library at 508-758-4171.

Writers' Group. The Writers' Group has resumed meeting the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. All genres and experience levels are welcome.

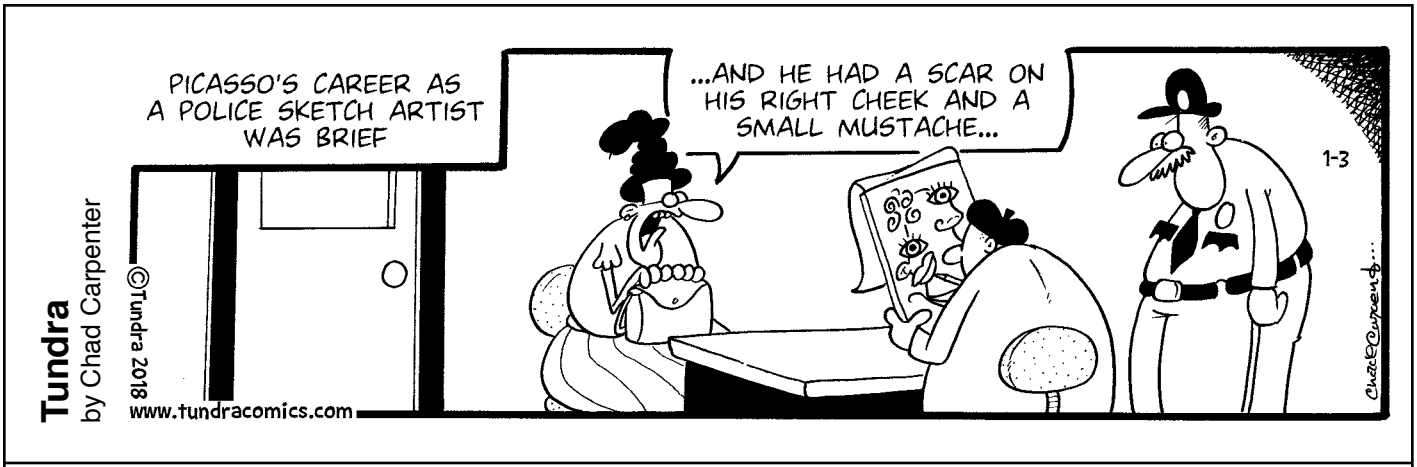
Knitters. The Knitters continue to meet every Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. Are you a beginner? We have knitting needles and yarn to get you started!

Check the library's website for new additions and more information, www.mattapoisettlibrary.org and follow the library on Facebook!

Happy New Year to you all from everyone at the library!

Marion Art Center Winter Members Show

The Marion Art Center will kick off its 2018 Gallery Season with the Annual Winter Members Show, which will run from Friday, January 12 through Saturday,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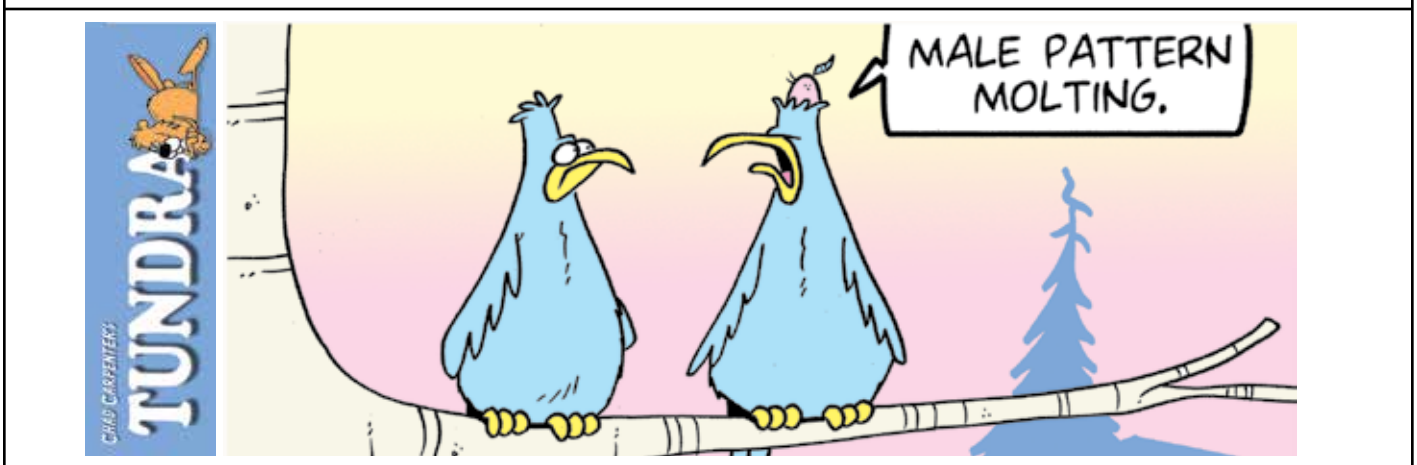
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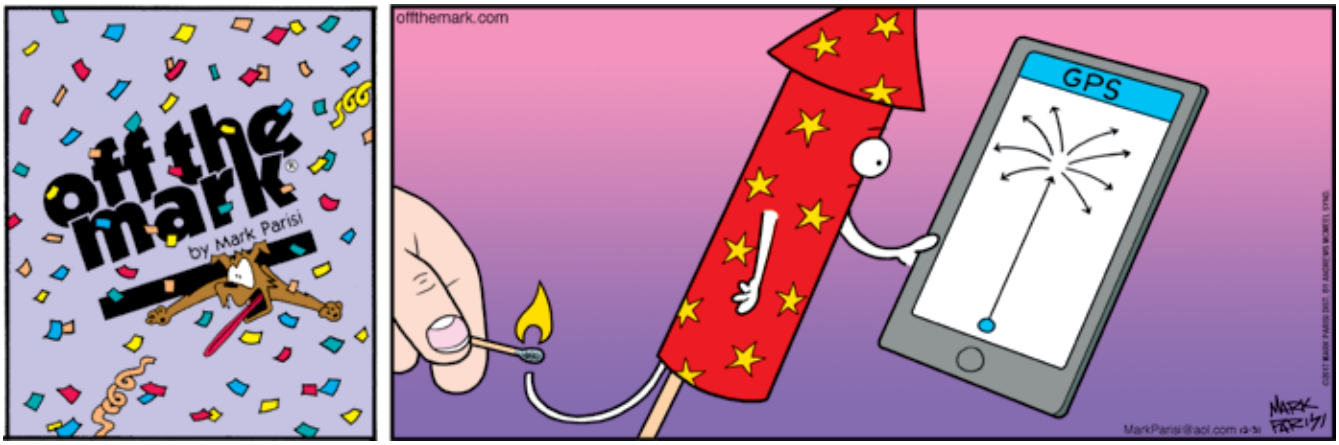
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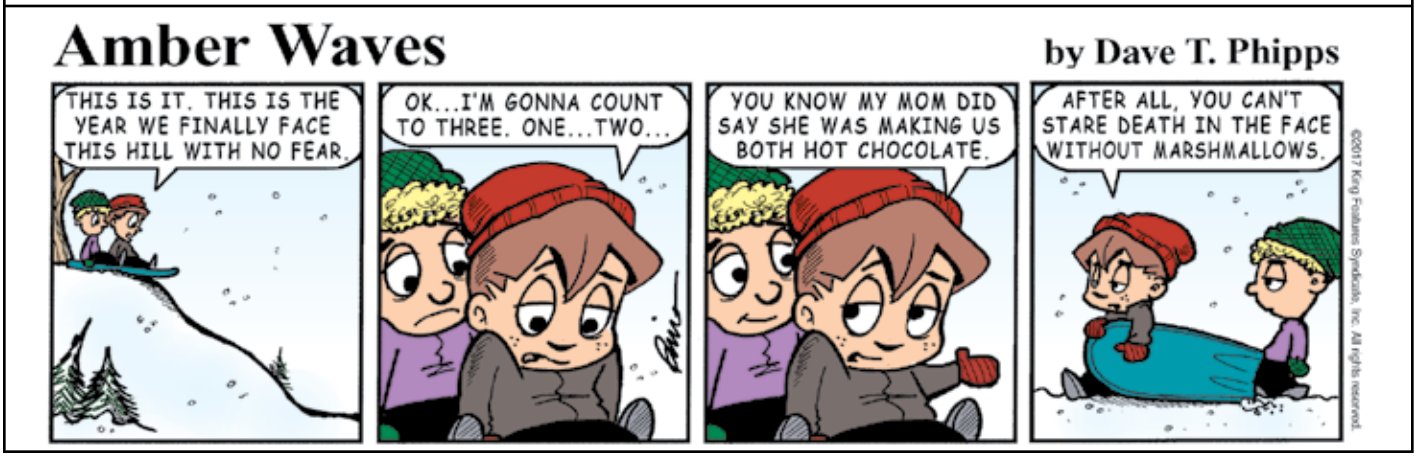
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February 24. All members in good standing of the Marion Art Center are invited to submit three pieces for the non-juried exhibition. Number of pieces hung will be at the discretion of the Marion Art Center Exhibition Committee and is dependent upon total number of pieces submitted, size of the pieces, and available wall space. Art pieces must be appropriately matted, framed and ready to hang (with hanging wire on the back affixed securely to the frame with eye hooks; no sawtooth hangers will be accepted) and must not have been shown at MAC previously. Drop-off for member artwork will take place on Tuesday, January 9, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Although not required, the Marion Art Center would appreciate hearing ahead of time from those planning to exhibit by emailing your name, a photo of an art piece you plan to exhibit, along with a short bio about yourself (no more than 150 words) to marionartcenter@verizon.net.

A reception will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Friday, **January 12** for participating artists and their guests. The body of work in the exhibition is anticipated to represent more than 40 artists, and to include watercolors, oils, acrylics and pastel paintings, as well as photographs, collage, and wood carvings. The Marion Art Center is a not-for-profit organization located at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion, MA 02738. The gallery and opening reception are free and open to the public. For more information, contact 508-748-1266, marionartcenter@verizon.net or www.marionartcenter.org.

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Bruce Baggarly	January 6
Michael Muldoon	January 6
Noah Hathaway	January 6
Brendan Foster	January 7
Jessica Fuller	January 7
Anne Johnson	January 8
Richie Gilbert	January 8
Liz Hathaway	January 9
Maris Hubbard	January 9

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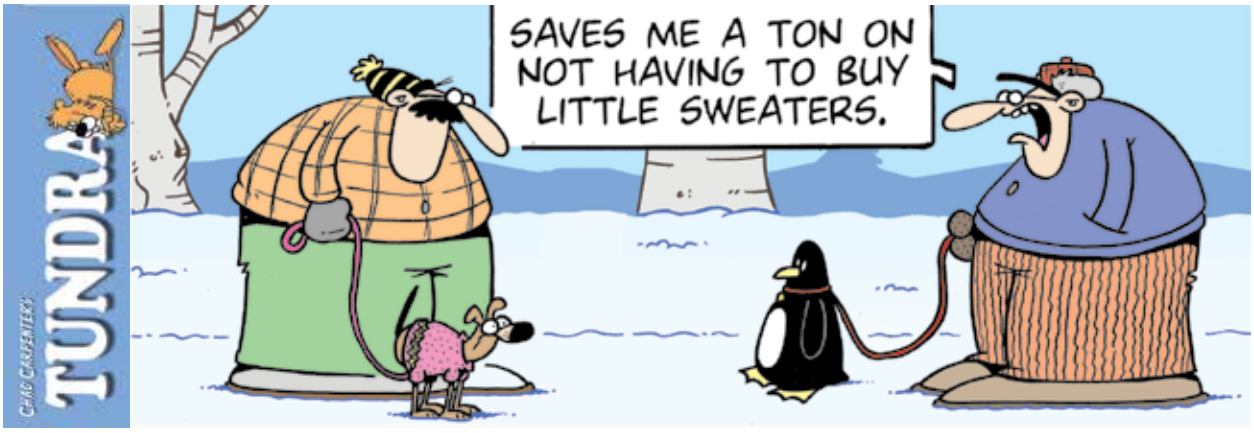

Sippican Choral Society Rehearsals

The Sippican Choral Society resumes rehearsals on Monday, **January 8** at 7:15 pm at Wickenden Chapel on the Tabor Academy campus in Marion. New members are welcome to join the chorus simply by coming to the first rehearsal.

The chorus will be rehearsing for its spring concert to be held on Saturday, April 28 at 3:00 pm at St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, 24 Front Street, Marion. This concert can be described as a lighthearted happy songfest of show tunes. We've got Weber, Weil, Sondheim, Rodgers, Hammerstein, Hart, Porter and more! We are excited about this concert because we will, once again, be joined by the Southcoast Children's Chorus to put on a truly uplifting concert sure to bring back memories of favorite Broadway shows.

In addition, a small chamber choir, to be chosen by the Music Director from among chorus members, will perform.

Rehearsals begin promptly at 7:30 pm every Monday evening, but singers are asked to arrive by 7:15 pm for the first rehearsal in order to register and receive music. Please be aware that there is a registration fee to be paid the first rehearsal. All voices are welcome (soprano, alto, tenor, and bass), and tenors are especially encouraged to sing with the chorus this year.

In addition, the chorus would like to invite young people still in high school and college to join us as well. As always, everyone who has sung with the chorus in past years will be welcomed back.

Dr. Tianxu Zhou, director of the chorus, requests that both returning members and new members who, for good reason, cannot make the first rehearsal leave a message for Nancy Sparklin at 508-763-2327 to let her know they intend to sing this year.

The chorus is under the direction of Dr. Tianxu Zhou, with Michelle Gordon of Mattapoisett as accompanist. The group performs at least two concerts every year, singing the works of the world's great composers, as well as more contemporary music.

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by Linda Thistle

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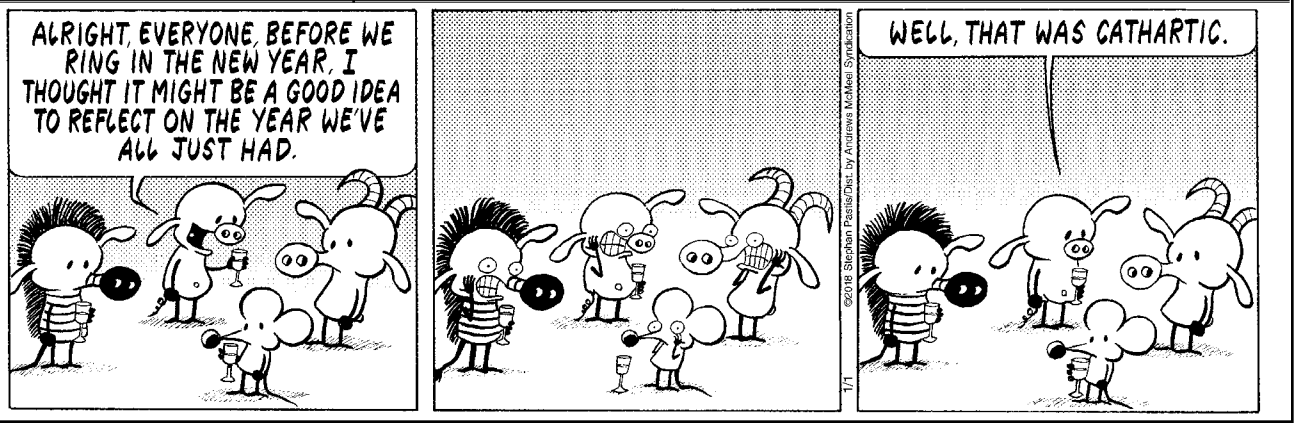

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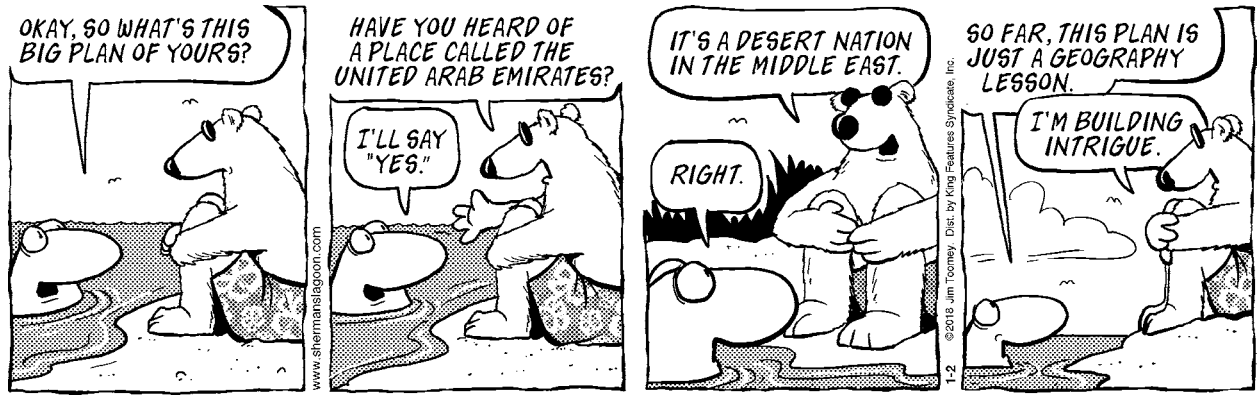

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KidFit for Grades K-3 will be on Tuesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 pm starting January 30 and running through March 8 in the Center School Gymnasium. Join Mr. C. for a new session of KidFit. Classes are designed to increase physical fitness and expend some energy all while having fun! Different games and sports will be played each week. Six-week session cost is $80. Registration deadline is January 23.

Martial Arts is on Mondays from 3:00 - 4:00 pm and will run from January 22 - April 23 at the Center School Gymnasium. Join MATTREC & The Pound Martial Arts Center for a 12-week course. Learn amazing self-defense moves, discipline and leadership skills while finding a positive outlet for all that energy! The course will promote self-confidence and self-discipline. Two sessions will be run at the same time: Session #1 is for Kindergarteners and Session #2 is for ages 6-9 years. Each participant will be given a uniform and a belt. Twelve-week session cost is $155. Registration deadline is January 17.

Fencing is on Mondays; ages 7-11 are from 5:30 - 6:30 pm and ages 10-14 are from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Program runs February 5 - March 19 at the Center School Gymnasium. Blackstone Valley Fencing Academy will teach your child the basic techniques and language of fencing. Their goal is to promote self-confidence and self-reliance as a fencer and an individual. All equipment is provided. This six-week session costs $125 and the registration deadline is January 29.

Center Stage Kids for ages 5-12 years is on Wednesdays from 3:00 - 4:00 pm and runs from January 10 - March 21 in the Center School Gymnasium. MATTREC is excited to partner again with Tracy Gendreau Fiore for this theatre program. Children will learn various aspects of the performing arts and will participate in a theatrical production on the last day of the eight-week session. Perfect for children who need to gain confidence speaking in front of others or for the family performer! Program cost is $105 and registration deadline is January 4.

Crafting for Grades K-3 is on Thursdays from 2:45 - 4:00 pm and runs from January 11 - March 15 in the Center School Cafeteria. Each week there will be a different theme and materials provided to let your child's imagination run wild! Maria Lynch will be running this eight-week session. The cost is $85 and registration deadline is January 4. Space is limited, register today!

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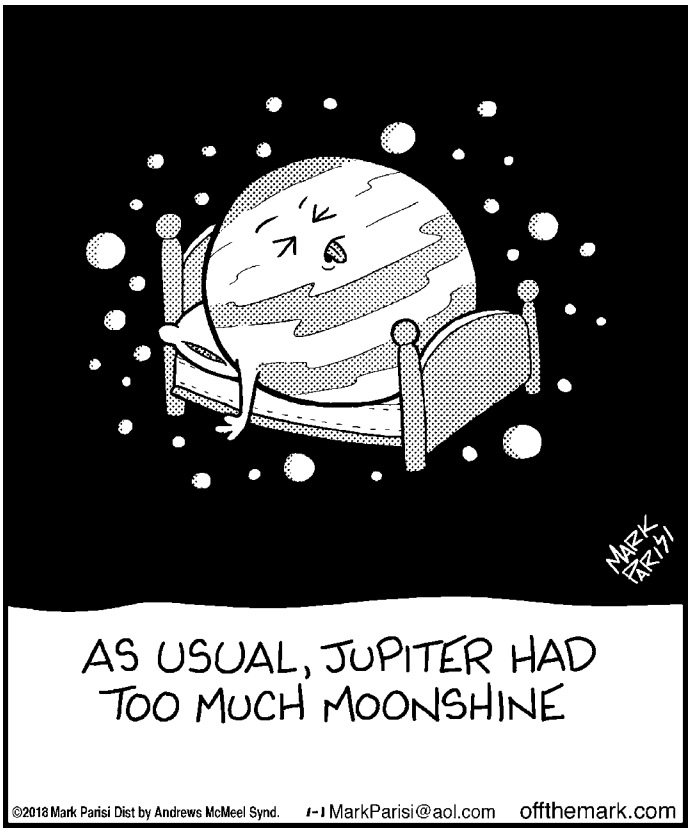

Local Tides

Day	Date	High a.m.	High p.m.	Low a.m.	Low p.m.
Thursday	January 4	9:29	9:57	2:38	3:42
Friday	January 5	10:22	10:52	3:30	4:27
Saturday	January 6	11:17	11:49	4:22	5:12
Sunday	January 7	. . .	12:12	5:17	6:04
Monday	January 8	12:45	1:06	6:30	7:07
Tuesday	January 9	1:41	2:01	8:22	8:12
Wednesday	January 10	2:39	2:59	9:35	9:03
Thursday	January 11	3:39	4:00	10:25	9:46
Friday	January 12	4:38	4:58	11:03	10:26
Saturday	January 13	5:29	5:46	11:36	11:06
Sunday	January 14	6:13	6:29	. . .	12:10
Monday	January 15	6:53	7:08	12:07	12:47
Tuesday	January 16	7:29	7:45	12:29	1:26
Wednesday	January 17	8:03	8:21	1:12	2:04
Thursday	January 18	8:37	8:57	1:54	2:39
Friday	January 19	9:12	9:34	2:33	3:11
Saturday	January 20	9:50	10:14	3:11	3:42
Sunday	January 21	10:31	10:58	3:47	4:13

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	Last Quarter	January 8th
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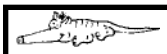
	First Quarter	January 24th
	Full Moon	January 31st



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the December 28, 2017 issue the Aardvark was on page 31!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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SCRAMBLERS

solution

1. Simper; 2. Angle;
3. Fringe; 4. Ignore

Today's Word

SNORING

Sudoku Answer

6	4	3	5	9	7	1	2	8
8	7	1	2	4	3	5	9	6
9	2	5	1	6	8	4	7	3
4	1	7	8	5	2	3	6	9
2	5	8	6	3	9	7	1	4
3	9	6	4	7	1	8	5	2
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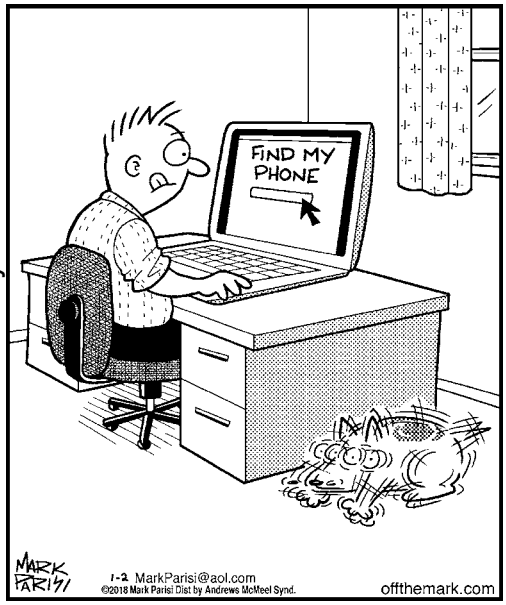

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